

Maximising the local benefit

A power for good

RES seeks to be a power for good in communities that neighbour our projects by working openly and constructively to ensure tangible local benefits. We believe that onshore wind should provide direct, lasting benefits to local communities and there are a number of ways that this can be achieved.

Tailored community benefits package

We are committed to a Community Benefits package that would be worth £5,000 per megawatt (or equivalent) of installed capacity per annum. With the current Scoping layout, this would mean just under £800,000 per annum (index linked) for the local area.

We take a tailored approach and work directly with the community to understand how the wind farm could support the local area and help to secure long-term economic, social and environmental benefits. This approach will help to deliver a tailored community benefits package that is aligned with the priorities of the local community and could, for instance, provide funding for projects that sit outside the parameters of a traditional application-based fund.

As part of this exhibition and consultation period we are seeking feedback on your ideas for local benefits and priority projects that you would like to see supported or delivered in your community from the Beinn Bheag Wind Farm project, should it receive consent.

It is important to note that voluntary community benefits are not a material planning consideration.

Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS)

Our unique Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS) was developed in response to research and feedback from local communities around RES' operational wind farms, and seeks to deliver direct and tangible benefits to people living and working closest to them. LEDS offers an annual discount to the electricity bills of those properties closest to a participating wind farm and there is no need to change energy provider. If this is something that you are interested in as a potential part of a tailored community benefits package at Beinn Bheag, please note this in your formal written feedback to RES and also let our project team know if you would like more information.



In late June 2024, The Highland Council brought forward a report on the Social Values Charter, which we understand aims to embed an approach to community wealth building into the Highlands and maximise economic benefits from the natural environment and resources, including from wind farms. Scottish Renewables, on behalf of the renewables industry, is currently in discussions with The Highland Council on the Charter.

Beinn Bheag Wind Farm proposal

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