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Introduction

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Energy Saving Trust

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Clause 13 - Community benefit

38 Do you agree with the provisions of this clause?

No

If no, how should this clause be amended?:

Energy Saving Trust supports the principle that communities hosting renewable energy infrastructure should receive tangible benefits. However, we think the intended scope of “community benefit” in Clause 13 needs to be clearer. The Bill appears to envisage payments primarily to individuals who own or reside in properties within the locality of a generating station. This differs from the use of “community benefit” elsewhere in Great Britain, where it generally refers to funds provided for the benefit of the wider community. We would therefore encourage greater clarity in the Bill and accompanying regulations about the intended beneficiaries and consideration of terminology that avoids confusion with community benefit funds used elsewhere.
We have previously supported the introduction of mandatory community benefit funds in Great Britain and believe there would be value in considering whether provision should also be made for community-level benefits alongside any payments to individual households.

Clause 15 - Information and advice

40 Do you agree with the provisions of this clause?

Not Answered

If no, how should this clause be amended?:

We do not have a specific view on the provisions in Clause 15. However, more broadly, we would encourage the Department to consider how impartial advice and support can be made available to communities to help them understand, engage with and benefit from local renewable energy generation, drawing on experience from programmes such as the Scottish Government’s CARES programme.

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