

# Peasedown, Wellow and Shoscombe Community Energy Survey Results

## Introduction

This summary report presents the results from the Community Energy Survey, which ran from May to July 2026 in Peasedown, Wellow and Shoscombe. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and share their views.

This report is not a decision. It is a summary of what people told us during this phase of engagement. The findings will inform future discussions alongside technical, environmental, landscape and planning considerations. No development proposals exist and no decisions have been made.

The survey received 237 responses. As an open community survey, the results reflect the views of those who chose to respond and should not be interpreted as representative of the views of the wider population.

## Survey headlines

- Overall, 51% of respondents said they would support further conversations to explore the possibility of a community energy project near Peasedown, Wellow and Shoscombe, 29% said they would not, and 18% said maybe.
- The survey was one part of a wider programme of community engagement. There was no fixed number or percentage of responses that determined what would happen next.
- The results do not commit any community to developing a project at these locations. They provide information to help decide whether particular options should be explored further.
- Any future community energy proposals arising from this work would require further community discussion, landowner engagement, technical and landscape assessment, grid connection assessment and financial feasibility work, and would be subject to the usual planning and regulatory processes.
- Based on feedback and the environmental and landscape constraints identified, locations within the Cotswolds National Landscape (formerly the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) will not be taken forward for further exploration as part of the Energy in Your Community project.

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## What will happen next

- We encourage you to find out more about community energy by attending the following webinars:
  - **Webinar 1: The Benefits of Community Energy**  
Wednesday 26 August, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
[Register for the Benefits of Community Energy webinar](#)
  - **Webinar 2: The Realities of Community Energy - What Are Your Options?**  
Wednesday 2 September, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
[Register for The Realities of Community Energy webinar](#)
- A workshop will be held on Monday, 21 September 2026 at the Hive at 6.30pm to review what has happened so far, to provide information on next steps and to explore the formation of a community working group for further exploration of options and further community engagement. Everyone who has engaged with the process and shared their contact details will be invited.
- If you are interested in attending but have not been involved in the Energy in Your Community process previously, please email us at: [energynetwork@bwce.coop](mailto:energynetwork@bwce.coop)

## Survey results

### Would you support further conversations to explore the possibility of a community energy project near Peasedown, Wellow and Shoscombe?

Across all three areas, 51% of respondents said yes to supporting further conversations to explore the possibility of a community energy project locally, 29% said no, 18% said maybe and 2% said they did not know or could not comment. Responses varied by area: 75% of Peasedown respondents and 77% of Shoscombe respondents said yes, compared with 36% in Wellow.

All responses from Peasedown, Wellow and Shoscombe (237 responses)

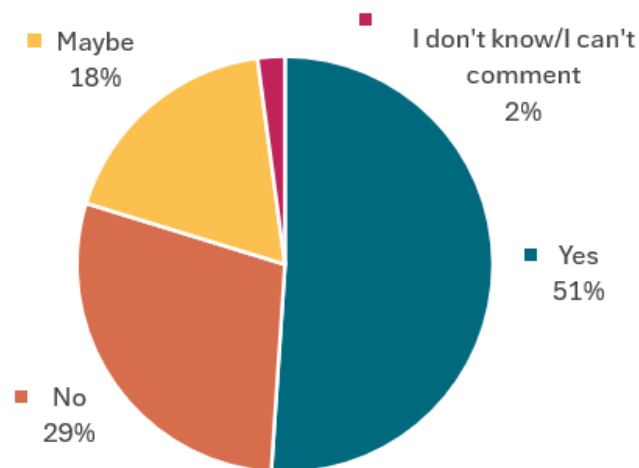


Figure 1: Pie chart showing responses from all areas as 51% yes, 29% no, 18% maybe and 2% I don't know/I can't comment.

Wellow responses only (146 responses)

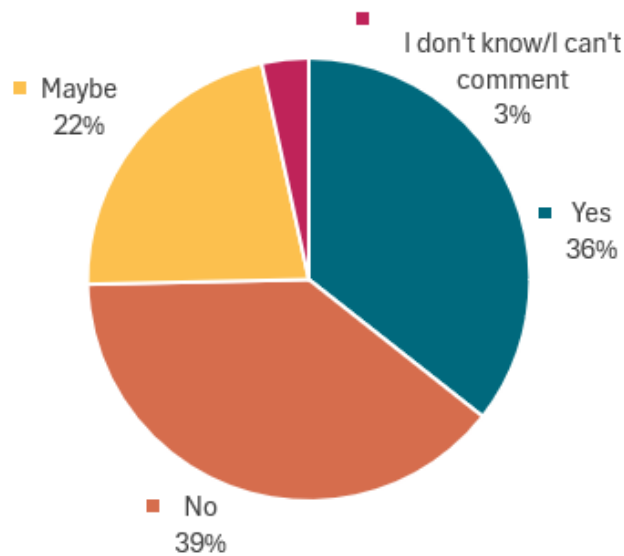


Figure 2: Pie chart showing responses from Wellow as 36% yes, 39% no, 22% maybe and 3% I don't know/I can't comment.

### Peasedown responses only (69 responses)

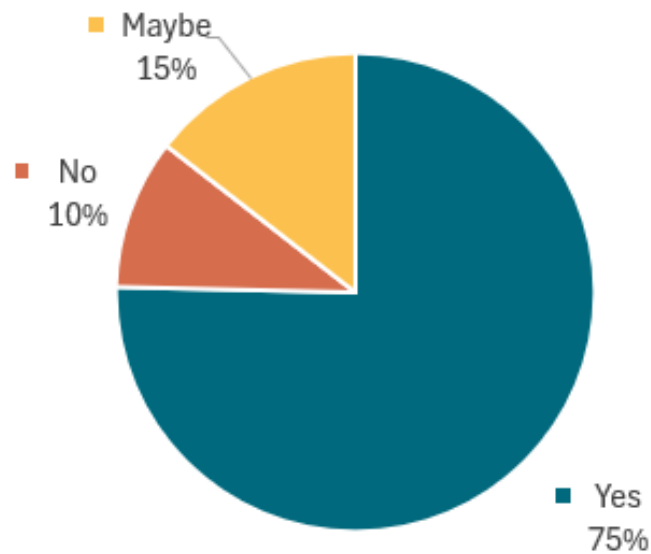


Figure 3: Pie chart showing responses from Peasedown as 75% yes, 10% no and 15% maybe.

### Shoscombe responses only (22 responses)

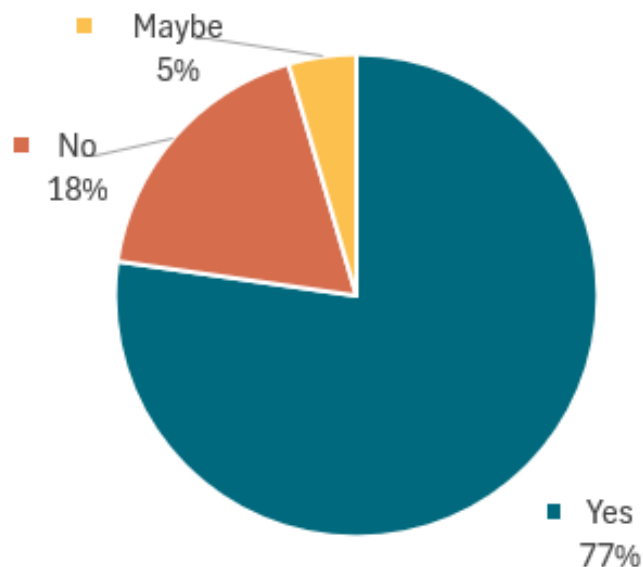


Figure 4: Pie chart showing responses from Shoscombe as 77% yes, 18% no and 5% maybe.

### Do you support any **wind turbine** locations being discussed or looked into further (breakdown by individual survey response)?

Overall, 56% of respondents selected one or more wind turbine locations for further discussion or investigation. This varied by area, with 43% of respondents in Wellow selecting one or more locations, compared with 75% in Peasedown and 82% in Shoscombe. 'Location/s selected' means the respondent selected one or more locations as a preferred location for further discussion and exploration. Selection of a location does not represent approval of a specific development proposal.

## Wind location responses for all areas (237 responses)

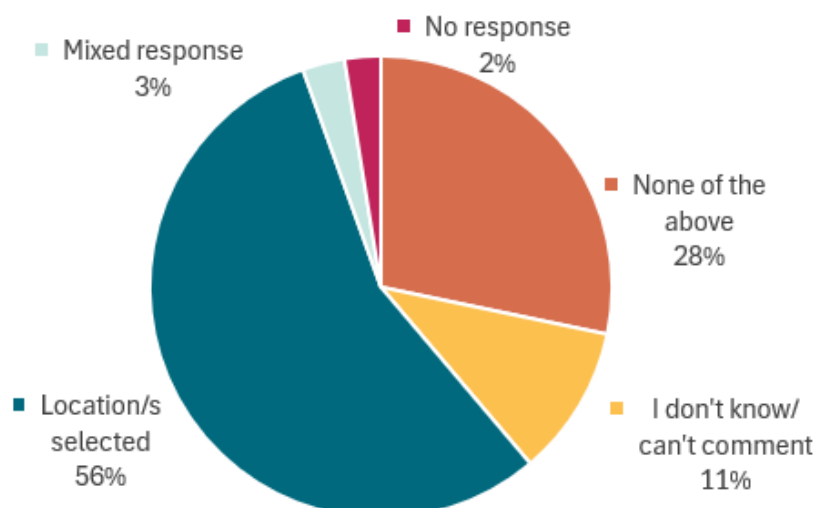


Figure 5: Pie chart showing responses from all areas regarding wind locations; 56% location/s selected, 28% none of the above, 11% I don't know/can't comment, 3% mixed response and 2% no response.

## Wind location responses for Wellow (146 responses)

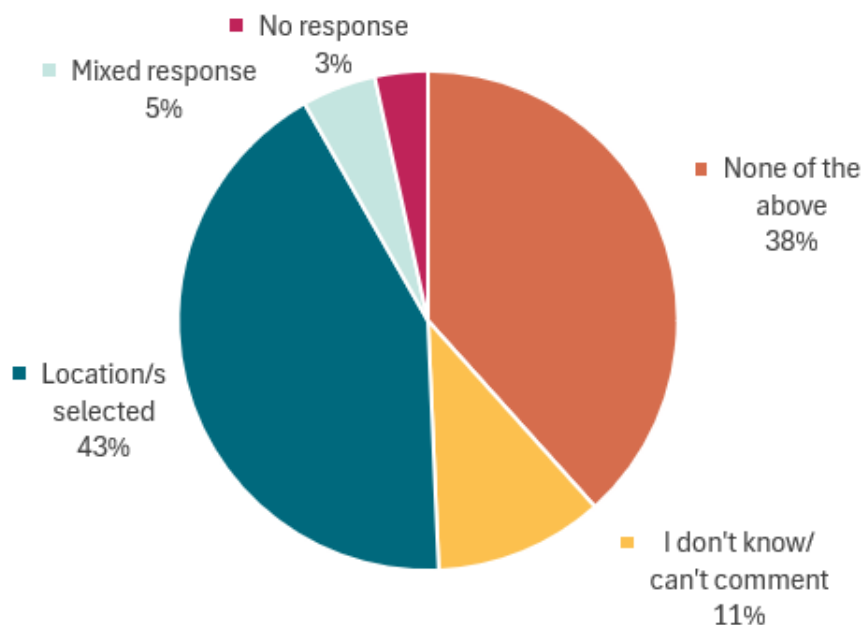


Figure 6: Pie chart showing responses from Wellow regarding wind locations; 43% location/s selected, 38% none of the above, 11% I don't know/can't comment, 5% mixed response and 3% no response.

## Wind location responses for Peasedown (69 responses)

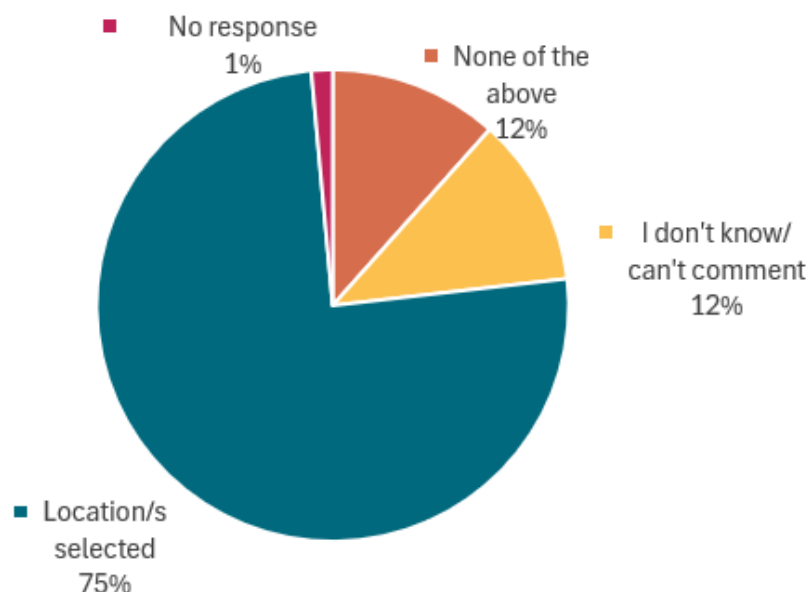


Figure 7: Pie chart showing responses from Peasedown regarding wind locations; 75% location/s selected, 12% none of the above, 12% I don't know/can't comment and 1% no response.

## Wind location responses for Shoscombe (22 responses)

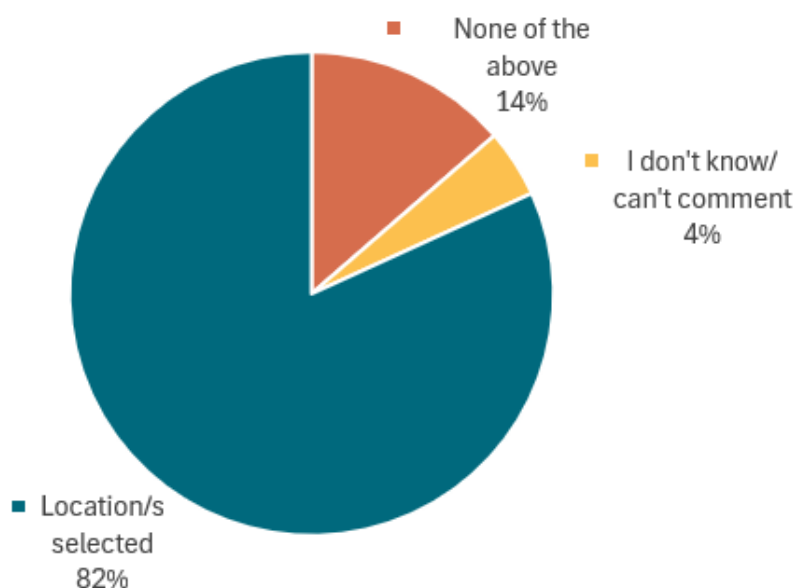


Figure 8: Pie chart showing responses from Shoscombe regarding wind locations; 82% location/s selected, 14% none of the above and 4% I don't know/can't comment.

## Do you support any **solar farm** locations being discussed or looked into further (breakdown by individual survey response)?

Overall, 53% of respondents selected one or more solar farm locations for further discussion or investigation. This varied by area, with 43% of respondents in Wellow selecting one or more locations, compared with 69% in Peasedown and 64% in Shoscombe. 'Location/s selected' means the respondent selected one or more locations as a preferred location for further

discussion and exploration. Selection of a location does not represent approval of a specific development proposal.

### Solar location responses for all areas (237 responses)

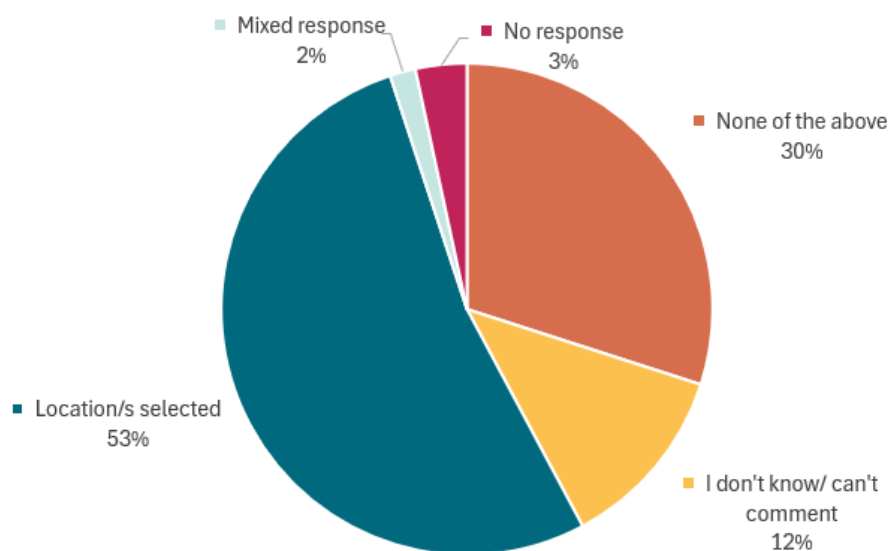


Figure 9: Pie chart showing responses from all areas regarding solar locations; 53% location/s selected, 30% none of the above, 12% I don't know/can't comment, 2% mixed response and 3% no response.

### Solar location responses for Wellow (146 responses)

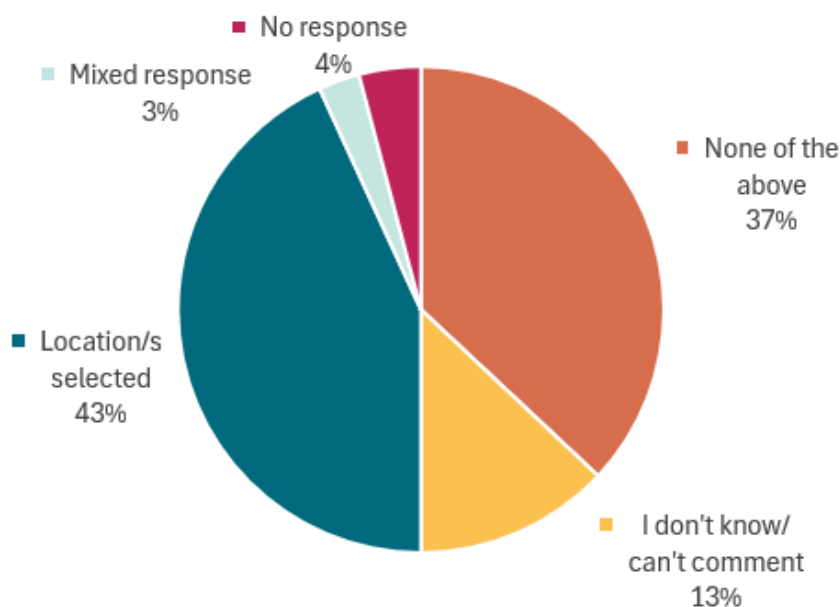


Figure 10: Pie chart showing responses from Wellow regarding solar locations; 43% location/s selected, 37% none of the above, 13% I don't know/can't comment, 3% mixed response and 4% no response.

Solar location responses for Peasedown (69 responses)

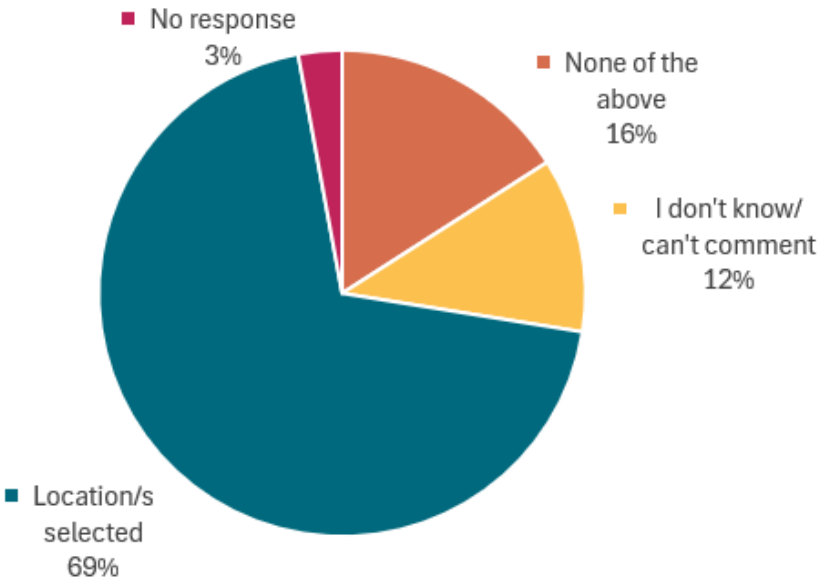


Figure 11: Pie chart showing responses from Peasedown regarding solar locations; 69% location/s selected, 16% none of the above, 12% I don't know/can't comment and 3% no response.

Solar location responses for Shoscombe (22 responses)

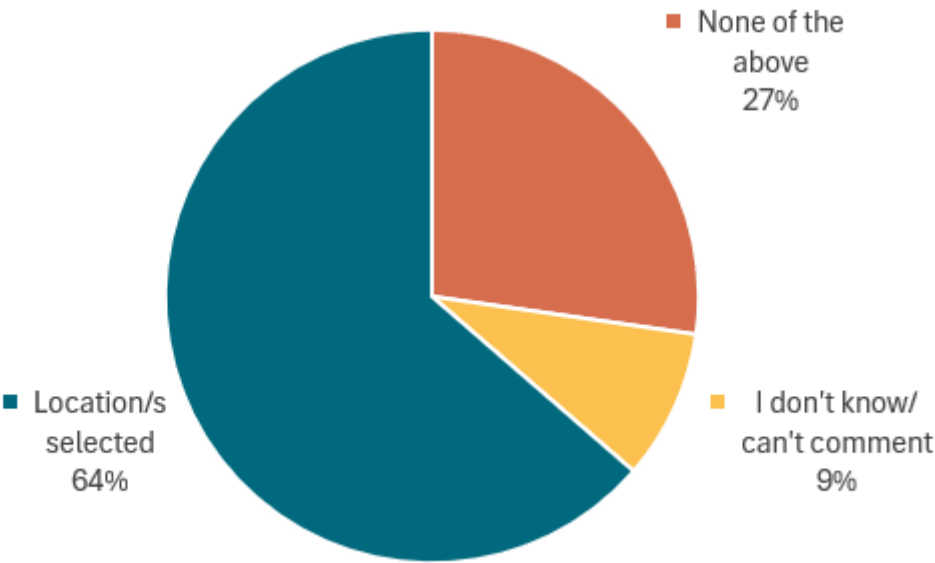


Figure 12: Pie chart showing responses from Shoscombe regarding solar locations; 64% location/s selected, 27% none of the above and 9% I don't know/can't comment.

Results by location and next steps

How to read the location results: These percentages show the proportion of respondents who selected each location for further discussion or investigation. There were 237 responses, and up to 3 locations were selected per response. They indicate respondents' preferred locations for further discussion and exploration. They do not represent approval of a specific development

proposal. Survey responses are one factor informing the next stage; technical, environmental, landscape, planning and other feasibility considerations will also be taken into account.

### Wind turbine discussion areas

| Area                      | % of responses selecting this as a preferred location | Comment                                                                                                           | Next steps                                                                             |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A - North of Peasedown    | <b>40%</b>                                            | Higher level of interest in further discussion.                                                                   | Continue the conversation - higher priority.                                           |
| B - White Ox Mead         | 12%                                                   | Lower level of interest in further discussion, no opposing comments in survey.                                    | Continue the conversation - lower priority.                                            |
| C - South of Combe Hay    | <b>17%</b>                                            | Opposing comments in survey due to Cotswolds National Landscape border.                                           | No further exploration through the Energy in Your Community project.                   |
| D - Twinhoe               | <b>16%</b>                                            | Opposing comments in survey due to Cotswolds National Landscape.                                                  | No further exploration through the Energy in Your Community project.                   |
| E - Baggridge Hill        | 15%                                                   | Opposing comments in survey due to Cotswolds National Landscape border, views of Stony Barrow and Wellow.         | No further exploration through the Energy in Your Community project.                   |
| F - Near Covert Woodland  | 5%                                                    | Lower level of interest in further discussion, no negative comments in survey.                                    | Continue the conversation - lower priority.                                            |
| G - Near Woodborough Farm | 13%                                                   | Outside the parish boundaries. Very close to area H and an area being considered through the emerging Local Plan. | Continue the conversation and engage with Radstock/Westfield parishes. Combine with H. |
| H - North of Round Hill   | <b>27%</b>                                            | Higher level of interest in further discussion. Outside the parish boundaries.                                    | Continue the conversation and engage with Radstock/Westfield parishes.                 |

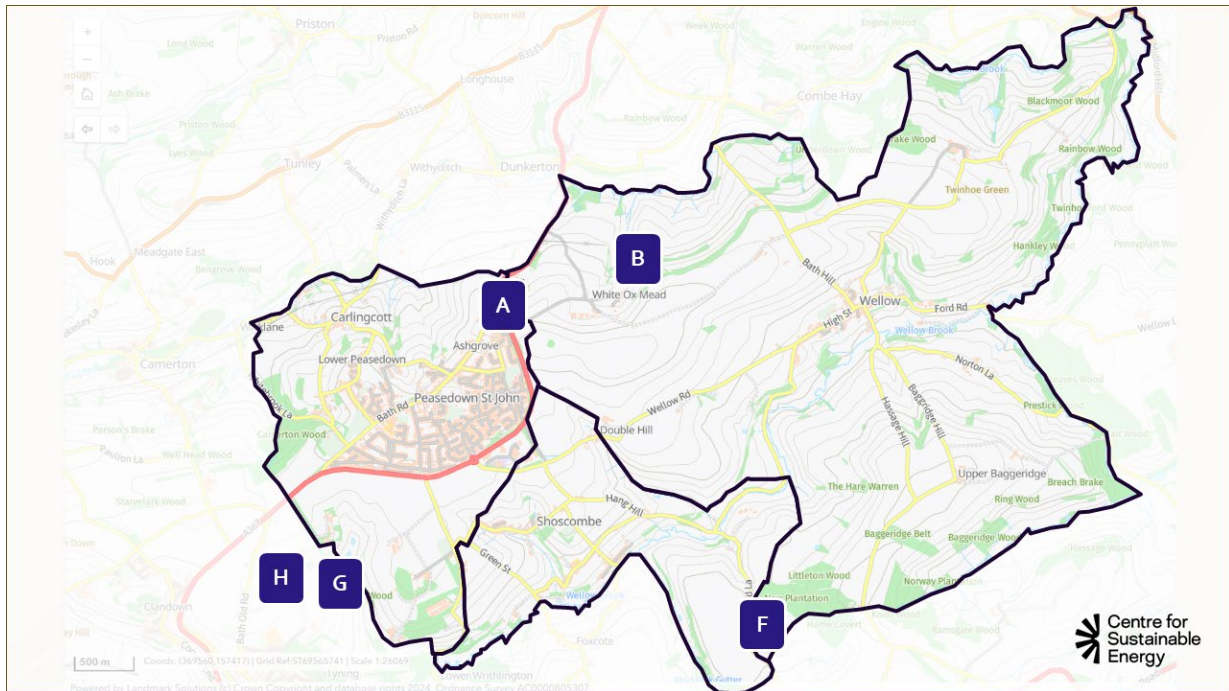
### Solar farm discussion areas

| Area                   | % of responses selecting this as a preferred location | Comment                                     | Next steps                                        |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| A - South of Peasedown | <b>43%</b>                                            | Further exploration is not proposed at this | No further exploration through the Energy in Your |

| Area                       | % of responses selecting this as a preferred location | Comment                                                                                                                                             | Next steps                                                                                                                                           |
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|                            |                                                       | stage due to the potential interaction with proposals being considered through the emerging Local Plan.                                             | Community project; relevant survey feedback will be shared with the B&NES Council Local Plan team.                                                   |
| B - By Colliery Lane       | <b>33%</b>                                            | Higher level of interest in further discussion.                                                                                                     | Continue the conversation - higher priority.                                                                                                         |
| C - White Hill             | 8%                                                    | Further exploration is not proposed at this stage due to the potential interaction with proposals being considered through the emerging Local Plan. | No further exploration through the Energy in Your Community project; relevant survey feedback will be shared with the B&NES Council Local Plan team. |
| D - South of White Ox Mead | <b>29%</b>                                            | Further exploration is not proposed at this stage due to the potential interaction with proposals being considered through the emerging Local Plan. | No further exploration through the Energy in Your Community project; relevant survey feedback will be shared with the B&NES Council Local Plan team. |
| E - White Ox Mead          | 8%                                                    | Lower level of interest in further discussion, no negative comments in survey.                                                                      | Continue the conversation - lower priority.                                                                                                          |
| F - Twinhoe                | 7%                                                    | Opposing comments in survey due to Cotswolds National Landscape.                                                                                    | No further exploration through the Energy in Your Community Project.                                                                                 |
| G - Upper Baggridge        | <b>15%</b>                                            | Higher level of interest in further discussion.                                                                                                     | Continue the conversation for south-facing slope not visible from Wellow.                                                                            |

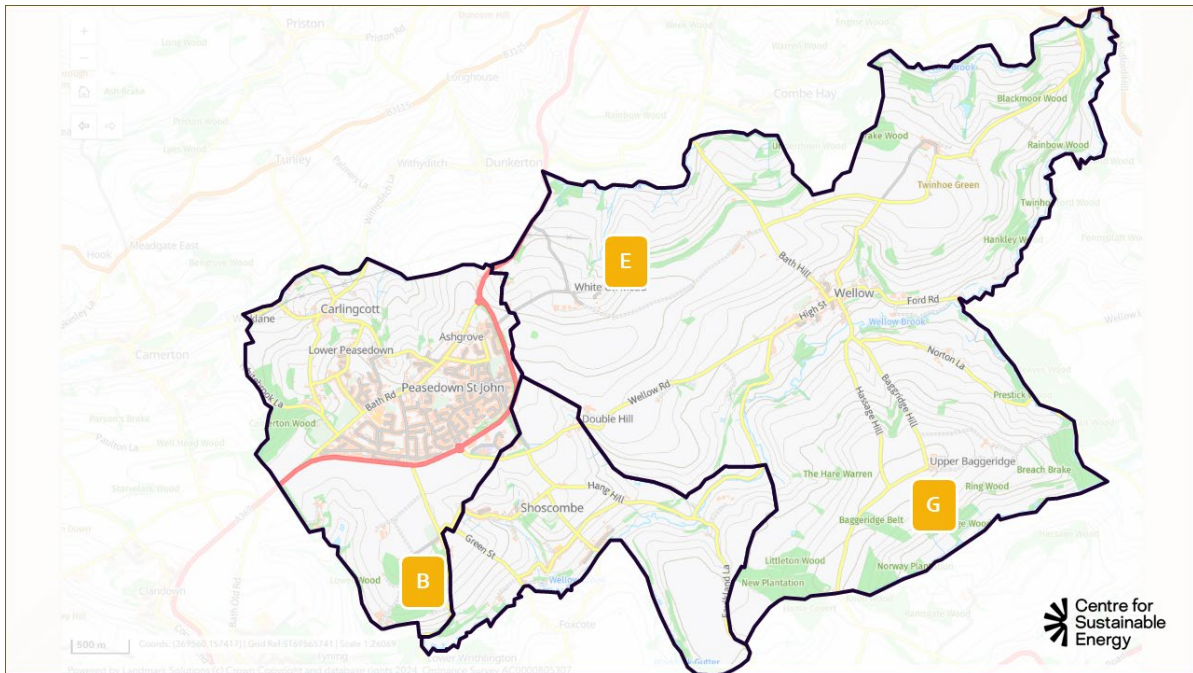
## Locations for continued conversations

### Areas for continued consideration of a community-owned wind turbine:



*Figure 13: Map showing areas for continued consideration of a community-owned wind turbine across Peasedown, Wellow and Shoscombe. Five areas are identified: A – North of Peasedown; B – White Ox Mead; F – Near Covert Woodland; G – Near Woodborough Farm; and H – North of Round Hill.*

### Areas for continued consideration of a community-owned solar farm:



*Figure 14: Map showing areas for continued consideration of a community-owned solar farm across Peasedown, Wellow and Shoscombe. Three areas are identified: B – By Colliery Lane; E – White Ox Mead; and G – Upper Baggridge.*