



Grid connection and local infrastructure

How the project will connect to the grid was an area where more information was requested – both on the potential route and whether it would be overhead lines or underground cables.

Some wider points relevant to the area's infrastructure were also raised – particularly whether the project might be able to help tackle some local challenges such as off grid properties.



Exploring potential opportunities and local benefits

Knowledge of community benefit, with an existing community fund already in place, was strong, and people raised the importance of bringing forward clear benefit opportunities through the project. This included questions about the kinds of community benefits and improvements that might be possible, the area that could get involved, as well as early ideas shared about potential opportunities to explore.

Next Steps

The feedback received will now be shared with the relevant experts working on the project to help inform our plans and assessment work. The answers to many of the questions and issues raised will come from the assessment and technical work that will inform the project's design.

We will also look to see how we can provide information during the project's consultation in line with the suggestions and requests we received e.g selecting viewpoints, explaining site selection, what the project could do to support the local environment and communities. We expect this to happen during the Autumn, 2026.

We are also offering the opportunity to visit the existing Ray Wind Farm to local residents who may wish to come and visit the project. More information will be available soon.

Thank you

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A project booklet is available on the website explaining more of the detail, the process and expected timelines.



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Feedback for local residents



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In May 2026, we contacted local residents to inform them of our plans for Ray II Wind Farm and to invite them to attend coffee drop-in events. These events gave people the opportunity to meet the team and share their initial thoughts, ideas and concerns.



104 people came to meet the project team, view early maps and ask questions about the proposal.

A project booklet was available at the events for anyone who wanted more background information about the proposal.

Scan the QR code to view the project booklet.



We are grateful to everyone who took the time to speak with us or leave written comments.

People shared a wide range of questions, concerns and ideas for us to feed into the development of the project. This is a summary of the feedback we received.



Key themes and feedback areas

Wind energy and site selection

How this site was chosen for the proposed wind farm was a common question, including how it relates to the existing Ray Wind Farm and other developments in the wider area.

People also wanted to know more about the contribution that wind energy makes to our electricity supplies, including our neighbouring Ray Wind Farm and for assurances around its reliability.



Visual impacts

Visual impact was one of the most frequently raised issues, including concerns about the potential scale and height of the turbines.

There was a clear request for realistic visual representations to help people understand what the wind farm could look like from different viewpoints. Suggested viewpoints included local homes, roads, trails and well-known local landmarks, such as Winter's Gibbet and the National Park.



Protecting the local environment

How the local environment would be protected, including habitats, wildlife and peatland, was an important topic where more information was requested. There were specific questions about potential effects on birds and other wildlife, the condition of peat soils, and how habitats are connected across the wider area.

People wanted to understand how environmental impacts will be assessed, how sensitive areas can be avoided or protected, and how biodiversity improvements could be delivered. These points reflect strong local interest in making sure the proposal takes full account of the area's natural environment.

Assessing the impacts on nearby homes

Impacts on nearby homes was a key topic, and residents want to understand how the potential impacts – such as noise, construction activity and aviation lighting will be assessed.

Tourism, heritage and local recreation (particularly trails)

Feedback was also shared on the area's heritage, tourism and outdoor amenities. Some suggestions were offered for potential improvements to access routes, and the importance of tourism to the economy was emphasised.