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1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Community Benefit Statement (“CBS”) has been prepared in support of an application made under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 by Watchman Energy Park Limited for the development of the proposed Watchman Energy Park (“Watchman” or the Proposed Development) on a 1,089 hectare (ha) site located approximately 10 km south of Crawford, 7 km south of Elvanfoot, and 12 km west of Moffat, in South Lanarkshire. Watchman Energy Park Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Glasgow based renewable energy developer Renewco Power. The Proposed Development will include up to thirteen turbines with maximum blade tip height of 240 m above ground level (agl) and a battery energy storage system (BESS) with approximately 50 MW capacity.
- 1.1.2 Watchman has the potential to provide a range of benefits for the local community, including through the future establishment of a community benefit package. The community benefit package for Watchman will reflect the latest Scottish Government guidance ‘Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments (2019)’ (Good Practice guidance)¹. Based on a notional installed capacity for the wind farm element of the project of 91 MW, Watchman would provide approximately £455,000 of funding annually to community focussed projects in the local area. The final funding package will be confirmed once a turbine type has been selected for the project through a competitive procurement process.
- 1.1.3 It is important to note that, whilst community benefit packages are not a material consideration in determining an application for development consent under the Electricity or Planning Acts, they are widely recognised as a positive and integral part of renewable energy development in Scotland. The Good Practice guidance outlines good practice principles for communities and developers considering long-term priorities and action plans to create a lasting legacy from onshore renewable energy projects. In structuring community benefit proposals, this guidance recognises that communities and developers may benefit from a strategic approach.
- 1.1.4 Watchman Energy Park Limited has worked with the local community to develop this CBS and would continue to develop the final community benefit package in line with community views and aspirations. This CBS describes the fund objectives and potential projects which have been developed in consultation with local individuals and community organisations.
- 1.1.5 The report is presented under the following headings:
- Section 2: Policy and Guidance;
 - Section 3: Shared Ownership;
 - Section 4: Local Socioeconomic Context;
 - Section 5: Community Action Plan;
 - Section 6: Engagement;
 - Section 7: Feedback;

¹ Scottish Government. (2019). Scottish Government *Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments*. [Accessed 15 August 2024]. <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-government-good-practice-principles-community-benefits-onshore-renewable-energy-developments/>

- Section 8: Conclusions and Next Steps

2 Policy and Guidance

2.1 Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments (2019) (Good Practice Guidance)¹

2.1.1 The Good Practice Guidance provides the core guidance for renewable energy community benefits in Scotland. It notes that community benefit funds are a voluntary initiative and have no bearing on the planning process. Nevertheless, community benefit funds are identified as having an important role in putting communities front and centre in the development of renewable energy projects.

2.1.2 The Good Practice Guidance establishes six key principles that should guide the development of community benefit funds:

1. Lasting legacy
2. Trust and transparency
3. Flexible approach
4. Develop a community action plan
5. Decisions best led locally
6. Fair process between renewable industry and community

2.1.3 The Good Practice Guidance also provides advice on engagement with communities as part of the development of community benefit funds.

2.2 Community Benefits from Net Zero Energy Developments: Consultation²

2.2.1 In December 2024 the Scottish Government launched a consultation as part of its review of the Good Practice Principles for onshore and offshore renewable energy development. The consultation closed on the 11 April 2025. The consultation considered various matters, including the funding benchmark set in the Good Practice Guidance for Community Benefits¹ (currently £5,000 per MW index linked) and opportunities to improve other aspects of the advice, including in relation to governance and identifying which communities should be eligible to benefit. At the time of writing no updated guidance has been published so the 2019 Good Practice Guidance remains in place.

2.3 Onshore Wind: Policy Statement (OWPS)³

2.3.1 The OWPS sets out the Scottish Government's commitment to ensuring that communities are central to the development of renewable projects in Scotland as part of a just transition to net zero. The OWPS refers to the Scottish Government's Good Practice Guidance for Community Benefits¹ which provides the framework for community benefits across Scotland. As part of community benefits for wind farm projects, the OWPS also highlights the Scottish Government's support for shared ownership, noting "*we are encouraging developers to offer shared*

² Scottish Government. (2024). *Community Benefits from Net Zero Energy Developments: Consultation*. [Accessed 10 November 2025.] <https://www.gov.scot/publications/community-benefits-net-zero-energy-developments-consultation/>

³ Scottish Government. (2022). *Onshore Wind: Policy Statement*. [Accessed 10 November 2025.] <https://www.gov.scot/publications/onshore-wind-policy-statement-2022/documents/>

ownership opportunities to communities as standard on all new renewable energy projects, including repowering and extension to existing projects” (paragraph 4.2.17).

2.3.2 Alongside community benefits, the OWPS notes wider economic benefits from onshore wind including supply chain opportunities and highlights programmes to support skills in the face of shortages in the sector.

2.4 Onshore Wind Sector Deal (OWSD)⁴

2.4.1 Amongst the commitments set out in the OWSD is the establishment of a standard approach to financial management of community benefits. The OWSD also commits the sector to meeting or exceeding the principles set out in the Good Practice guidance¹, to collaborating with and co-ordinating community benefits with neighbouring developments and to delivering more ambitious projects that will make a long-term strategic impact in support of a just transition to net zero.

2.5 Draft Energy and Just Transition Plan⁵

2.5.1 The Draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan sets a vision for Scotland's energy system to 2045. Part of that vision is a recognition that communities must get the maximum benefit from the energy transition with community and shared ownership of renewables, and community benefit packages, being an important tool to help achieve this. The draft Strategy highlights the real and lasting difference that community benefits can make to local communities.

2.6 South Lanarkshire Local Economic Strategy 2022-2027 (LES)⁶

2.6.1 The vision for South Lanarkshire's LES is *“to make South Lanarkshire a flourishing, green, dynamic and equitable place for all.”* The LES is developed around three high-level ambitions for the area:

- Employment - A well-established, accessible employability pathway enabling all South Lanarkshire residents to fully participate in the labour market.
- Workforce Skills Development- South Lanarkshire's workforce have the qualifications, skills and attributes required by employers to be more productive and prosperous.
- Health and Wellbeing – We reduce health inequalities and improve mental health within our communities.

3 Shared Ownership

3.1 Policy and Guidance on Shared Ownership

3.1.1 Voluntary arrangements for community shared ownership of renewable energy developments, alongside other forms of community benefit, is supported by Scottish Government policy. The OWPS notes that *“community benefit from, and shared ownership of, renewable energy developments have a key role to play in engaging communities and securing Scotland's just transition to net zero”* (paragraph 4.2.1). As noted in section 2 of this CBS, the OWPS also encourages developers to offer shared ownership schemes *“as standard.”* Under the OWSD,

⁴ Scottish Government. (2023). *Onshore wind sector deal*. [Accessed 12 August 2024].

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/onshore-wind-sector-deal-scotland/>

⁵ Scottish Government. (2024). *Draft Energy and Just Transition Plan*. [Accessed 5 August 2024].

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/draft-energy-strategy-transition-plan/>

⁶ South Lanarkshire Council. (2022). *South Lanarkshire Local Economic Strategy 2022-2027*. [Accessed 5 August 2024.] Available [here](#).

the renewable energy industry has committed to offering community benefit packages that will meet or exceed the principles set out in the Scottish Government’s Good Practice Principles for Shared Ownership of Onshore Renewable Energy Developments (2019) (the Good Practice Principles for Shared Ownership)⁷. Furthermore, the OWSD commits “*the sector, Government, and other relevant stakeholders to develop practical approaches to support and encourage community shared ownership models, and to publishing a framework by the end of 2024*” (pp9-10).

3.1.2 The Good Practice Principles for Shared Ownership highlights the benefits that shared ownership can provide for local communities and developers, including delivering lasting economic and social benefits, community empowerment and increasing buy-in from local communities. The Good Practice Principles for Shared Ownership provide a high-level framework to guide the development of shared ownership schemes across Scotland.

3.2 Watchman Energy Park Limited Position

3.2.1 Watchman Energy Park Limited notes the policy support from the Scottish Government for community shared ownership of new renewable energy developments and the commitments set out in OWSD. Watchman Energy Park Limited has considered the potential for shared ownership of Watchman in light of this, and is not currently offering shared ownership as part of its community benefit offer. However, this does not preclude a shared ownership model being pursued at a later date if there is particular community appetite for it and a practical framework for delivery has been established. Watchman Energy Park Limited is keeping its position under review pending the publication of a framework for delivering practical approaches to shared ownership.

3.2.2 Watchman Energy Park Limited is committed to maximising the benefits communities can derive from renewable energy developments and is not opposed to the principle of shared ownership. However, it is the view of Watchman Energy Park Limited that, while there are recent examples of good practice, establishing shared ownership schemes remains a complex process that can place a substantial burden on communities.

3.2.3 Watchman Energy Park Limited remains committed to best practice on community benefits and delivering on the wider commitments set out in the OWSD⁴ for Scotland.

4 Local Socio-Economic Context

4.1.1 The population of South Lanarkshire was 330,280 in 2023 (6% of the Scottish total and 0.48% of the UK total), which is the fifth highest population out of the thirty-two authorities in Scotland. Between 2018 and 2028, the total population is projected to increase by 2%, compared to a 1.8% and 6% increase in Scotland and the UK, respectively⁸.

4.1.2 The proportion of the population that is economically active is slightly lower in South Lanarkshire (75.2%), compared to Scotland (76.9%) and the UK (78.8%), however, the proportion of people claiming out-of-work benefits is 2.7% compared to 3.0% in Scotland and 4.0% in the UK as a whole⁹. Average wages are also higher; £798.30 per week for full-time

⁷ Scottish Government. (2019). Good Practice Principles for Shared Ownership of Onshore Renewable Energy Developments. [Accessed 5 August 2024.] <https://www.gov.scot/publications/scottish-government-good-practice-principles-shared-ownership-onshore-renewable-energy-developments/>

⁸ National Records of Scotland. (2025). *South Lanarkshire Council Area Profile*. [Accessed 15 October 2025]. <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/council-area-profiles/south-lanarkshire/>

⁹ Office for National Statistics. (2025). *Labour Market Profile - South Lanarkshire*. [Accessed 7 November 2025]. <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157433/report.aspx#tabrespop>

workers compared to £775.60 in Scotland and £766.60 in the UK¹⁰. However, life expectancy in South Lanarkshire is slightly lower than Scotland as a whole; in 2021-2023 life expectancy at birth was 80.32 years old compared to 80.77 in Scotland, while male life expectancy was 76.33 compared to 76.77 in Scotland¹¹.

- 4.1.3 The main sectors of employment are human, health and social work activities (14% of employment in South Lanarkshire compared to 15% in Scotland) and wholesale and retail trade (12% of employment compared to 11% in Scotland)¹². The share of employment in construction in South Lanarkshire is 9%, higher than the Scottish average of 7%¹³.
- 4.1.4 A smaller proportion of households in South Lanarkshire are considered fuel poor (22%) compared to Scotland as a whole (24%)¹⁴. These figures are expected to have increased due to rises in energy prices since the Scottish House Condition Survey was carried out between 2017 and 2019.
- 4.1.5 The Watchman site lies entirely within the Crawford - Elvanfoot datazone. This datazone is characterised by an older than average population; 50.8% of the population are 50 or over compared to 43% of South Lanarkshire and 41.6% of Scotland, although the percentage of the population aged 75 and over is comparable to South Lanarkshire and Scotland, with 9.1% of the population 75 or over compared to 9% and 9.1% in South Lanarkshire and Scotland respectively¹⁵.
- 4.1.6 Crime rates are higher than the Scottish average, primarily due to the very high rate of vehicle offences (1421.4 per 10,000 population compared to 200.4 across Scotland), though rates of crimes against society (236.8 per 10,000 population compared to 112.5 across Scotland) and non-sexual crimes of violence (368.4 compared to 130.4 across Scotland) are also higher than the national average¹⁶.
- 4.1.7 Given the rural nature of the Crawford-Elvanfoot datazone, travel times to services are generally much higher than the Scottish average; for example travel to retail facilities by public transport

¹⁰ Office for National Statistics. (2024). *Labour Market Profile - South Lanarkshire*. [Accessed 7 November 2025]. <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157433/report.aspx#tabrespop>

¹¹ National Records of Scotland. (2025). South Lanarkshire Council Area Profile. [Accessed 15 October 2025]. [South Lanarkshire - National Records of Scotland \(NRS\)](https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/information-and-statistics/our-statistics-and-research/geography/council-areas/south-lanarkshire)

¹² Scotland's Census. (2022). *Area Overviews*. [Accessed 7 November 2025] <https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/search-the-census#/explore/snapshot>

¹³ Scotland's Census. (2022). *Area Overviews*. [Accessed 7 November 2025] <https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/search-the-census#/explore/snapshot>

¹⁴ Scottish Government. (2022). *Scottish House Condition Survey*. [Accessed 7 November 2025] <https://statistics.gov.scot/data/fuel-poverty-shcs>

¹⁵ South Lanarkshire Council. (2024). *Facts and Figures about South Lanarkshire – Area Profiles*. [Accessed 10 November 2025]. <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200176/sharing-information-with-you/1895/facts-and-figures-about-south-lanarkshire/2>

¹⁶ South Lanarkshire Council. (2024). *Facts and Figures about South Lanarkshire – Area Profiles*. [Accessed 10 November 2025]. <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200176/sharing-information-with-you/1895/facts-and-figures-about-south-lanarkshire/2>

takes on average 38.6 minutes compared to 13.5 minutes across Scotland¹⁷. Travel distances to work are also greater than the Scottish average¹⁸.

- 4.1.8 Reflecting this and the rural character of the area, the proportion of households with access to a car is greater than average; 92.8% have access to a car compared to 77% of households in South Lanarkshire and 73.6% of Scotland¹⁹. The percentage of households with access to multiple cars and/or vans is also slightly higher than in both South Lanarkshire and Scotland as a whole²⁰.

5 The Community Action Plan

- 5.1.1 The Crawford, Elvanfoot and Daer Community Action Plan 2025 (“The Community Action Plan”) sets out the priorities and initiatives the community would like to see delivered in the local area between 2024 and 2029. The Community Action Plan is based on a comprehensive survey of local households which received a response rate of 42%. Based on this feedback, the Community Action Plan establishes the following overarching goal for the local area:

We want to build a connected, resilient, and eco-friendly place where people love to live, work, raise families, and grow old. Our aim is to become a community that others in Scotland admire.

- 5.1.2 To inform the delivery of this goal, the Community Action Plan identifies the following opportunities and challenges in the area:

Opportunities:

- Community spirit and friendliness
- Natural environment and green spaces
- Peace and tranquillity
- Access to outdoor activities and the play park
- You feel safe

Challenges:

- Lack of public transport that suits your needs

¹⁷ South Lanarkshire Council. (2024). *Facts and Figures about South Lanarkshire – Area Profiles*. [Accessed 10 November 2025].

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200176/sharing-information-with-you/1895/facts-and-figures-about-south-lanarkshire/2>

¹⁸ South Lanarkshire Council. (2024). *Facts and Figures about South Lanarkshire – Area Profiles*. [Accessed 10 November 2025].

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¹⁹ South Lanarkshire Council. (2024). *Facts and Figures about South Lanarkshire – Area Profiles*. [Accessed 10 November 2025].

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200176/sharing-information-with-you/1895/facts-and-figures-about-south-lanarkshire/2>

²⁰ South Lanarkshire Council. (2024). *Facts and Figures about South Lanarkshire – Area Profiles*. [Accessed 10 November 2025].

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200176/sharing-information-with-you/1895/facts-and-figures-about-south-lanarkshire/2>

- Lack of amenities such as a shop, café or pub
- Lack of employment and business opportunities
- Lack of socialising opportunities and increased social isolation

5.1.3 Moving forward, the Community Action Plan identifies a series of community actions across three key themes: an asset rich community; an economically flourishing community; and a connected community. These actions include establishing the viability of a community café and shop, investigating opportunities for delivering a pump track, developing a tourism strategy and delivering a heritage trail. A full list of the priorities and actions is included as **Appendix A**.

6 Engagement

6.1.1 Between December 2024 and May 2025, two in-person community engagement events were held for the Proposed Development. Both events included specific information on community benefits and invited members of the public to contribute to the development of the CBS.

6.1.2 The local community council within Crawford and Elvanfoot (Crawford, Elvanfoot & Daer Community Council) is in abeyance, however, a meeting was held with local community group *Crawford, Elvanfoot and Daer Action Resource* (“CEDAR”). Formed to take forward a Community Asset Transfer of Crawford Community Hall, CEDAR has broad purposes relating to rural regeneration, preservation and community development in the Crawford, Elvanfoot and Daer area.

6.1.3 A focus group was also held with pupils at Biggar High School and there has been discussion of the approach to community benefits across Renewco Power’s M74 Corridor projects at the Renewco Power Community Liaison Group.

6.1.4 Alongside in-person engagement, virtual consultation took place via BizGive’s recently launched AssetFace engagement platform. AssetFace is intended to make engagement on community benefits quicker, easier, more collaborative and transparent. BizGive have partnered with the Offshore Wind Growth Partnership to develop its AssetFace engagement platform for offshore wind projects, and Renewco Power is working with BizGive to help develop it for the onshore wind market.

6.1.5 A Small Projects community benefit fund of £5,000 was launched to support the pilot of the AssetFace platform both to engage the community with the platform and support improvements.

6.1.6 Grants of up to £500 were available to support a range of local initiatives in the area. The £5,000 of funding supported ten projects and seven community bodies, including local schools, Crawford Bowling Club and Moffat Mountain Rescue Team.

6.1.7 To promote engagement through the AssetFace platform and encourage applications for funding from the Small Projects community benefit, email outreach also took place with fifty-six organisations. A list of the organisations contacted is included as **Appendix E** of this CBS.

7 Feedback

7.1 Overview

7.1.1 Despite promotion of the community consultation events and the availability of the online BizGive portal, feedback on community benefits, and the project generally, was very limited with no direct feedback on community benefits at either event and only two pieces of feedback provided online. Feedback from the public consultation was, however, supplemented by input from CEDAR and pupils at Biggar High School. The Community Action Plan, summarised above,

was also the result of extensive consultation with the local community. The consultation feedback received is summarised below with a full note of the outcomes of the workshop at Biggar High School provided as **Appendix C** and the feedback received from CEDAR as **Appendix D**.

7.2 Projects

7.2.1 The feedback form (see **Appendix B**) invited comment on potential projects that could be delivered by the community benefit fund. The form sought feedback on the below five potential projects and provided an opportunity to suggest other project ideas. In addition to free form fields, the online AssetFace portal included a feature which helped respondents come up with ideas through a series of prompts.

1. The installation of solar PV/thermal and battery storage in homes
2. Electric vehicle charging infrastructure
3. Electric vehicle car club scheme
4. Scholarship scheme
5. Business grant scheme

7.2.2 The Biggar High pupils that took part in the workshop were supportive of the use of community benefit funding to help householders reduce their carbon footprint, as well as the proposed scholarship scheme. Feedback from CEDAR indicated some support for the project ideas, though members of the group felt that the local community was too small to significantly benefit from the projects overall. Of the projects proposed, CEDAR was most supportive of the scheme for the installation of solar and battery in homes, noting this could particularly benefit households that were not eligible for government backed schemes.

7.2.3 The following other project ideas were submitted:

- Converting the former GP surgery in Crawford into a community café
- Heritage projects
- A response group to assist vulnerable individuals during power cuts
- The area would benefit from a 25 m swimming pool given the distance to the nearest pool in Dumfries
- Funding should be used to improve access to transport, including school trips
- Improvements to availability and access to driving lessons
- Funding for more school trips and to broaden access
- Improvements to the Broughton to Biggar railway path including better maintenance.

7.3 Fund Management

7.3.1 Making the right decisions about fund management, including who should manage the fund and which areas and groups should be eligible to benefit, is critical to the successful establishment of the Watchman Community Benefit Fund. Community feedback on this issue was therefore sought via the events, feedback form and with meeting with CEDAR. CEDAR considered that either a local community body, or a third-party organisation such as Foundation

Scotland, would be best placed to administer the Watchman Community Benefit Fund. Visibility of Watchman Energy Park, along with proximity to the Proposed Development, were cited as being the most important factors in determining who should benefit from the fund. No other parties fed back on these issues.

8 Conclusions and Next Steps


- 8.1.1 This CBS has summarised engagement to-date on the proposed Watchman Community Benefit Fund. Much work remains to be done, however, this CBS highlights the efforts that have been taken to ensure that the Watchman Community Benefit Fund can meet local needs and have a substantial positive impact on the local community.
- 8.1.2 Watchman Energy Park Limited will continue to engage with the community, including through the developing AssetFace portal, in the coming months and years on the lead up to the establishment of the fund (assuming Section 36 consent and deemed planning permission is granted). Alongside ongoing engagement, the Community Action Plan will provide a useful basis for developing projects and initiatives that will utilise the community benefit funding.
- 8.1.3 The Applicant also wishes to develop a legally binding Community Benefit Agreement with local community bodies and, if applicable, South Lanarkshire Council which will set out the key principles governing the Watchman Community Benefit Fund. Subject to the agreement of the other parties, it is intended that this agreement could be concluded prior to the determination of the Section 36 application for the Proposed Development to allow its implementation prior to construction.

Appendix A Community Action Plan - Actions

<u>An Asset Rich Community</u>	
<u>Priorities</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Spaces to meet	Protect the heart of the community by creating a Charitable Development Trust to investigate the possibility of community ownership of the village hall.
	Develop a rolling and long-term support and investment plan for the hall, vacant buildings and community spaces in the area to ensure they are accessible for everyone.
Spaces for young people	Investigate the possibility of installing a Pump Track that is suitable and accessible for all ages and abilities.
Village improvements	Build on existing assets to meet the needs of the community now and in the future.
	Create community volunteering opportunities
Community café & shop	Investigate the possibility and viability of a community shop and a community café.
	Provide volunteering and employment opportunities
	Create a place to find support and friendship – a place to connect.
	Reduce social isolation and improve mental health and wellbeing.

<u>An Economically Flourishing Community</u>	
Tourism	Develop a tourism strategy with a focus on marketing and communications to show what Crawford and Elvanfoot have to offer.
	With the help of outside investment, create local initiatives in adventure tourism such as mountain biking and hiking.
History & heritage	Work to develop a heritage trail and information displays showing local points of interest that help to tell the story of Crawford & Elvanfoot.
	Develop heritage assets in and around the villages to tell the story of Crawford and Elvanfoot.
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Natural Environment	Investigate ways to improve access to the natural environment by creating, mapping, and advertising local walks and cycling routes
	Capitalising on the natural environment by creating opportunities to invite people into the local area for outdoor activities

<u>A Connected Community</u>	
<u>Priorities</u>	<u>Actions</u>
Collaboration and Communication	Continue to employ a community development worker to bring groups together, drive activity and support the implementation of this action plan.
	Bring local people and groups together to develop the displays and boards for walks, cycling and local heritage sites.
Community Engagement	Develop additional community amenities such as a Men's and/or Women's Shed, community garden or similar project that can be used by everyone in the community.
	Explore ways to maximise the use of the Village Hall for the benefit of the community, such as using community benefit funding to pay people to deliver activities and events
Village improvements	Build on existing assets to meet the needs of the community now and in the future.
	Create community volunteering opportunities



FEEDBACK FORM

PRIVACY STATEMENT

By filling-in this form you are agreeing that Cavendish Consulting Limited ("Cavendish") can hold and process your Personal Data in relation to this public consultation exercise.

- Cavendish will share your Personal Data with the project team companies for planning evaluation purposes only.
- Your Personal Data will not be used for any other purposes without your consent.

Cavendish and the project team will use your Personal Data to:

- Send you updates about the project (where you provide us with your contact details); and
- Develop a Pre-Application Consultation Report (or similar document) about this public consultation that will be submitted to the planning authority or similar body; this will be a publicly available document. Your comments will be anonymous and we will only identify you in these reports with your consent.

If you provide us with your contact details, we may also contact you for more details regarding the comments you have made.

Cavendish acts on behalf of the project team to run public consultation activities.

YOUR DETAILS

Title (Miss/Mrs/Ms/Mr/Other):

First Name or Initial:

Surname:

Postcode:

Age Group (please circle):
 Under 13 13-17 18-24 25-34 35-44
 45-54 55-64 65-74 75-84 85+

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Address:

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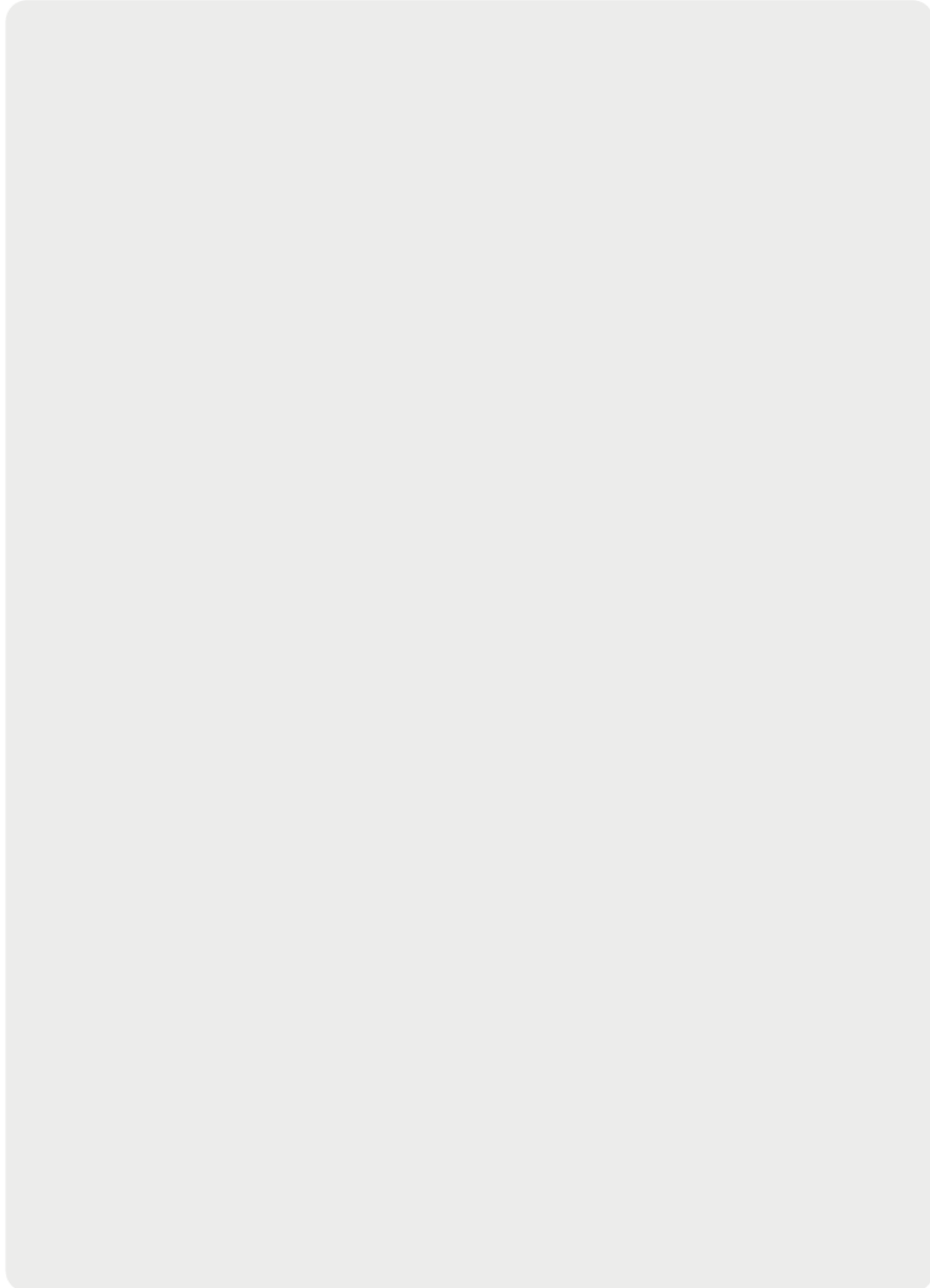
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We will use these details to contact you and update you on the proposals. If you would like to be kept up to date with these proposals, please tick this box

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We process all Personal Data in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation, the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (together the "GDPR") and the Data Protection Act 2018. Your Personal Data will not be transferred outside the UK or European Economic Area (the EU member states plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). To see our full Privacy Notice and find out how to exercise your data subject rights, please visit cavendishconsulting.com/dp or by contact us by phone on 01962 893 893, or email at dataprotection@cavendishconsulting.com.

**WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK, PLEASE PROVIDE
YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS OVERALL:**



COMMUNITY BENEFIT QUESTIONNAIRE

The below questions relate to the community benefit banner presented at the community engagement event on the 12th of May 2025 and available on the Watchman web page (<https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/watchman-energy-park/>). Please take the time to review the banner before answering the questions.

As part of the consultation on community benefits for the Watchman Energy Park, a Small Grants Fund of £5,000 has been launched. Applications can be made for up to £500 towards projects and initiatives in the Crawford and Elvanfoot community council area via the project AssetFace page <https://assetface.com/?a=watchmanenergypark>.

1. We have identified some potential benefits that could be delivered as part of the future Community Benefit Fund we would like your view on. How would you rate the following benefits?
(1 – poor to 5 - excellent)

- a) The installation of solar PV/thermal and battery storage in homes
- b) New electric vehicle charging infrastructure in your community
- c) Electric vehicle car club scheme
- d) Scholarship scheme
- e) Business grant scheme

2. Are there any other projects or activities that should benefit from the future Watchman Community Benefit Fund?

3. What organisation(s) should manage the distribution of community benefit funds?

- a) Local authority
- b) A community body, either existing or setup for the purpose
- c) The developer
- d) A third-party specialist organisation e.g. Foundation Scotland
- e) Other (please specify)

Appendix C Biggar High School Workshop Outcomes

Overview

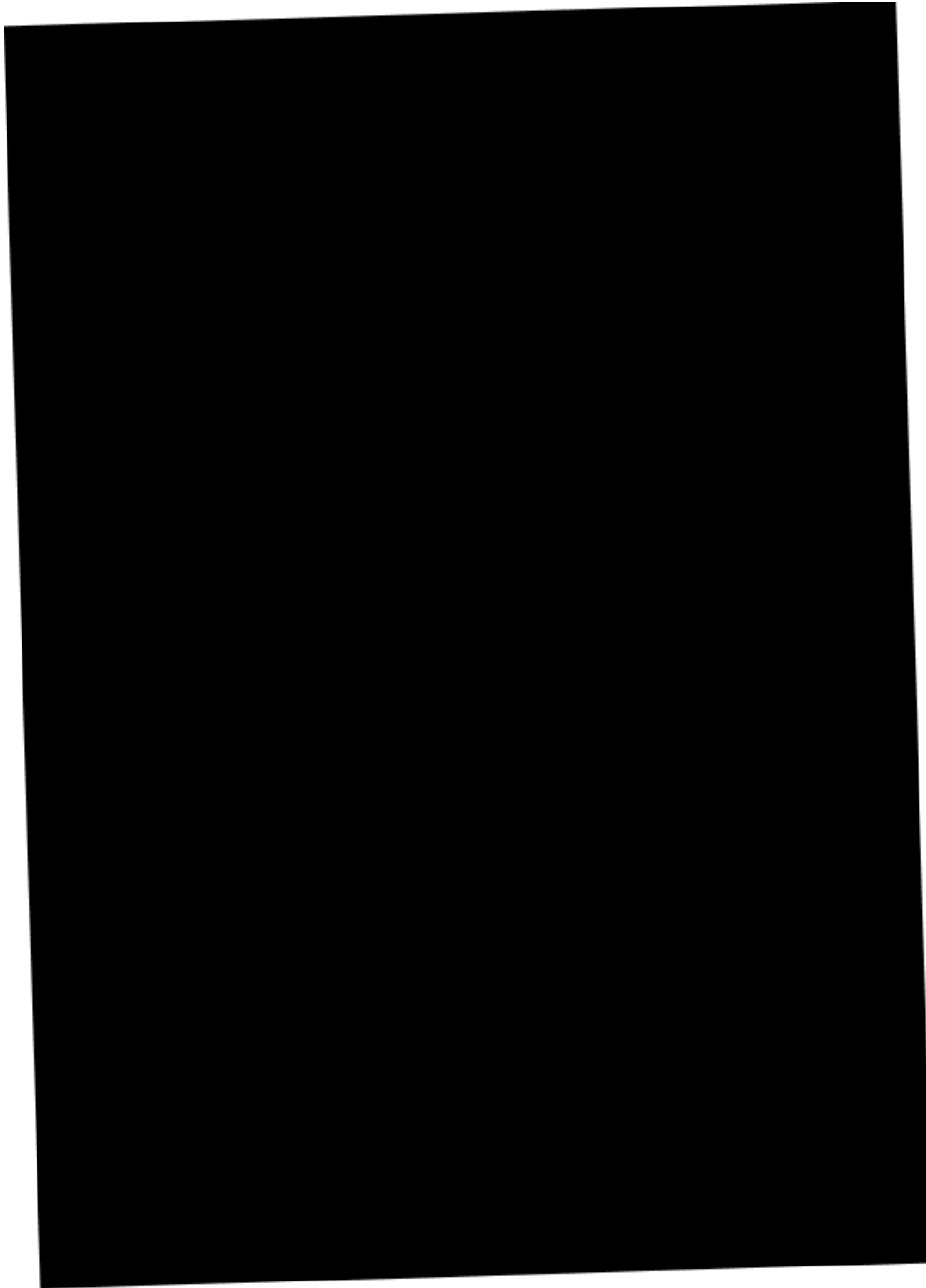
A workshop was held at Biggar High School on the 24th of June 2024 considering community benefits that could be delivered by the M74 West Renewable Energy Park, though the outcomes are equally relevant to Renewco Power's other projects within the M74 infrastructure corridor which all lie within the catchment area for the school. Twelve pupils from across years 2-5 at the school took part in the workshop. This note provides a summary of the issues raised by pupils and some of the ways in which these could be addressed by the M74 West community benefit funding package.

Issues

Issue	Action
Limitations in the availability of public transport for those living in outlying areas which makes it difficult to access facilities and services, including after school and sports clubs, concentrated in Biggar and Lanark. As a result, many pupils are reliant on lifts from friends and families which are not available in all cases.	Community benefit funding could be targeted at providing extra school buses and/or taxis to enable pupils from outlying areas to access after school/sports clubs.
Difficulties in learning to drive due to cost, a lack of examiners and distance to travel for theory tests. This also has an impact on accessing jobs, as does poor public transport provision as noted above. Also noted that travel to and from driving lessons was an issue in some remoter rural areas.	Community benefit package could include provision for funding driving lessons. If possible this should be targeted at people on lower incomes. Funding should give consideration to individual circumstances, including costs associated with travelling for driving lessons. Consideration should also be given as to whether funding could help deliver more local examiners and theory tests.
Fewer school trips are being planned and there are difficulties accessing these in some case due to cost.	Community benefit funding could be used to help deliver more school trips and provide additional support for young people who would not otherwise be able to access them due to cost.

Issue	Action
There is scope to improve the Broughton to Biggar railway path and improve maintenance.	Funding towards capital works and maintenance could be provided from the M74 West community benefit fund.
There was support for use of community benefit funding to help householders reduce their carbon footprint and to reduce risks associated with some of the symptoms of climate change, such as increased flooding	Support noted.
Participants also supported a scholarship scheme to support access to further education and training.	Support noted.

Appendix D - CEDAR Feedback



WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSALS OVERALL:

The proposals listed are very good ideas, however the feeling is that the village is possibly too small to benefit from these overall.

The highest votes were for solar panels and battery storage, but there are several people who have already accessed this. We still feel this would be beneficial for those who did not meet the criteria for government funding.

The village has a charging area in the car park, however we have received funding to loan electric vehicles for the Community and getting charging points at the hall for these was agreed as beneficial.

Both the scholarship and business grant schemes, although positive suggestions, were not things that the group felt would be of much benefit due to limitations on how they could be utilised locally until other things are in place to attract more business and tourism.

As part of the consultation on community benefits for the Watchman Energy Park, a Small Grants Fund of £5,000 has been launched. Application can be made for up to £500 towards projects and initiatives in the Crawford and Shawfoot community council area via the project Area page (URL: [link](#)).

1. We have identified some potential benefits that could be delivered as part of the Future Community Benefit Fund we would like your view on. How would you rate the following benefits? (1 - poor to 5 - excellent)

- a) The installation of solar PV thermal and battery storage in homes 3/4
- b) New electric vehicle charging infrastructure in your community 3
- c) Electric vehicle car club scheme 3
- d) Scholarship scheme 2
- e) Business grant scheme 2

2. Are there any other projects or activities that should benefit from the Future Watchman Community Benefit Fund?

We are currently looking into taking over the old GP surgery on Carlisle Road, which could potentially be used for community café.

We are in communications with LABAS over "bringing the past to life" project and could use funds to get heritage signage with QR codes

We are in very early discussions about a response group to assist vulnerable individuals during power cuts, and could potentially use this to fund gas heaters or stoves to provide heating and meals.

3. What organisation(s) should manage the distribution of community benefit funds?
- a) Local authority
 - b) A community body, either existing or setup for the purpose
 - c) The developer A third-party specialist organisation e.g. Foundation Scotland
 - d) Other (please specify)

COMMUNITY BENEFIT QUESTIONNAIRE

The below questions relate to the community benefit banner presented at the community engagement event on the 3rd of December 2024 and available on the Watchman webpage (<https://www.shrewecopower.com/part/foia/ward-kingdom/uk-projects/watchman-energy-park/>). Please take the time to review the banner before answering the questions.

4. What are the most important factors that should be taken into account when deciding which communities can access Watchman community benefit funding (please rank from 1 - least important to 7 - most important)?

- a) Proximity to proposed site -6
- b) Visibility of Watchman Energy Park -7
- c) School catchment areas -4
- d) Housing market areas -5
- e) The funding should be available to the whole of South Lanarkshire -3
- f) The funding should be available to areas in Dumfries and Galloway -2
- g) Other (please specify):

5. Renewco Power is keen to work with local suppliers as part of the development of Watchman. Please tell us about any potential suppliers that we should be made aware of.

Sorry, not aware of any.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TODAY AND COMPLETING THE FORM

If you would like more time to consider the questions, please print off a copy of the form and return it by 17th December 2024 to:

C/O Cavendish Consulting,
220 St Vincent Street,
Glasgow,
G2 5SG

Email: watchman@renewcopower.com

Further information on the proposals can also be obtained by contacting Cavendish Consulting at the address above or by telephone on 0800 066 8943.

This feedback form along with more information regarding the project can be found at: <https://www.renewcopower.com/portfolio/united-kingdom/uk-projects/watchman-energy-park/>



Appendix E – Organisations Contacted

Outlet Type	Outlet Name
Media (Trade)	UK Fundraising
School	Crawford Primary School
School	Leadhills Primary School
School	Biggar High School
School	Wallace Hall (Thornhill)
School	Closeburn Primary School
School	Penpont Primary School
Community Council	Crawford and Elvanfoot Community Council
Community Council	Thornhill Community Council
Community Council	Leadhills Community Council
Community Council	Closeburn Community Council
Community Council	Kirkpatrick Juxta Community Council
Community Council	Moffat and District Community Council
Community Council	Carronbridge Community Council
Community Organisation	Pebbles Care
Community Organisation	Crawford and Elvanfoot
Community Organisation	Crawford Bowling Club
Community Organisation	Crawford and Elvanfoot SWI
Community Organisation	Cedar Group (Crawford, Elvanfoot and Daer Action Resource Group)
Community Organisation	Leadhills Miners' Library
Community Organisation	Leadhills and Wanlockhead Railway
Community Organisation	Leadhills Online
Community Organisation	Scottish Brass Band Association
Community Organisation	Museum of Lead Mining
Community Organisation	Biggar Archaeology Group
Community Organisation	Leadhills Angling Association
Community Organisation	Leadhills and Wanlockhead Gardeners
Community Organisation	Leadhills Gala Day Group
Community Organisation	Healthy Valleys
Community Organisation	Lanark Community First Responders
Community Organisation	Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire
Community Organisation	Community Action Lanarkshire

Outlet Type	Outlet Name
Community Organisation	Carronbridge Village Hall
Community Organisation	Dumfries and Galloway Fine Arts Society
Community Organisation	The People's Project
Community Organisation	Moffat Community Observatory
Community Organisation	Proudfoot Indoor Sports and Social Club (Moffat)
Community Organisation	Studio Moffat
Community Organisation	3rd Dumfriesshire Scouts (Moffat)
Community Organisation	Moffat Community Nature Reserve
Community Organisation	Moffat & District Wildlife Club
Community Organisation	Space2Grow Moffat
Community Organisation	Moffat Mountain Rescue
Community Organisation	Moffat Water Hall
Community Organisation	Moffat Town Hall Trust
Community Organisation	Wise Owls Nursery & Out of School Club
Community Organisation	Moffat Rugby Football Club
Community Organisation	Beechgrove Bowling Club (Moffat)
Community Organisation	Beattock Village Hall
Community Organisation	Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
Business Group	Lanarkshire Chamber of Commerce
Facebook Groups	Crawford & Elvanfoot Notice Board
Facebook Groups	Leadhills and Wanlockhead Notice Board
Facebook Groups	Leadhills Notice Board
Facebook Groups	Closeburn
Facebook Groups	Moffat Community Support

