

## Our responses

### Battery Energy Storage System

**Several people raised concerns about the safety and visual impact of the BESS.**

#### Our response

We have removed the BESS component from the proposal.

### Scotland's renewable energy targets and the National Grid

**Some people commented Scotland 'already has enough' renewable energy and questioned whether we need more. People also asked whether the National Grid had capacity to use energy generated by Dupplin Solar Farm.**

#### Our response

- Scotland's target is 50% of total energy consumption to be provided by renewable sources by 2030. At the moment, around 29.5% of total energy consumption is from renewable energy. As Scotland starts to decarbonise the transport sector and phases out gas and oil heating, the demand for electricity will increase. This demand will be met by new renewable energy generation.
- The Scottish Government has committed to deploy 6-9GW of solar by 2030.
- The UK Government wants to triple solar power by 2030.
- Dupplin Solar Farm will help our governments reach these targets.



### Glint and glare

#### Our response

Solar panels are designed to absorb light, limiting glare. An assessment is underway to consider the effects on residences and transport, including aircraft, up to 3km away. No significant impacts are expected.

### Ethical sourcing of panels and equipment

#### Our response

The vast majority of the world's solar panels are manufactured in China. Both BLC Energy and Octopus have signed up to the Solar Energy UK Supply Chain Statement. Octopus is also a member of the Solar Stewardship Initiative, which means it will only source panels from tier one manufacturers that are independently assessed.

#### Find out more

[www.solarenergyuk.org](http://www.solarenergyuk.org)

[www.solarstewardshipinitiative.org](http://www.solarstewardshipinitiative.org)





## Community benefit fund

Dupplin Solar Farm has committed to an annual Community Benefit Fund worth £500 for every megawatt (MW) built on site, equating to £48,750 annually for the 40 year project life.

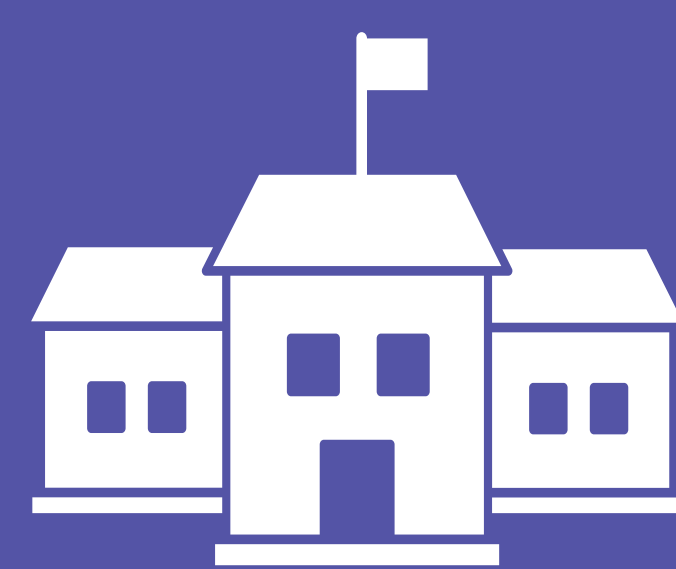
Our goal is to ensure that community benefits are used to tackle local priorities and are managed and distributed according to the community's wants and needs as much as possible.



**So far, it has been suggested that the fund could support:**



Further use for a local community bus



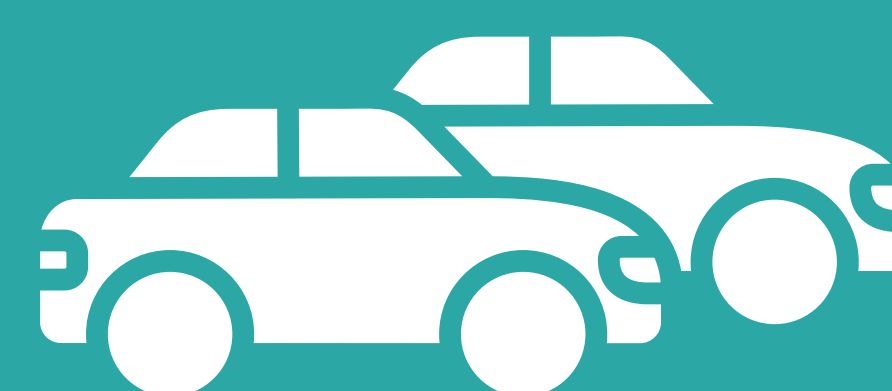
A fund for the local community halls



A fund for food for the needy



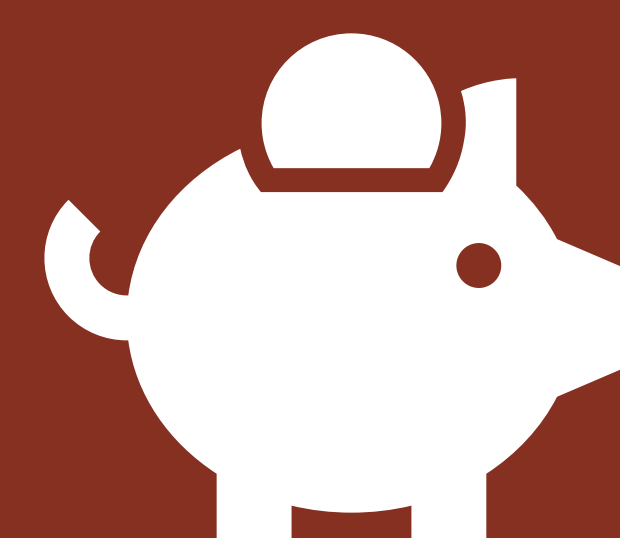
Defibrillator in the local halls



Improve traffic flow on to and from A90.



Improve the A9 to Tibbermore junction



Consider making Lower Earn Trust a beneficiary of the fund

### Tell us your ideas

The community, and its representatives, will decide how these funds will be allocated, and we welcome ideas on projects/ initiatives that would help support local families. Please include your ideas in the feedback forms.



If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.

