

bp response - Community Benefits for Electricity Transmission Network Infrastructure

Key points

- We are keen to engage with this process as it is developed with both Westminster and devolved nations and primarily support a UK wide approach to community benefits. We appreciate any opportunity to do engage on this.
- Communities that host electricity transmission network infrastructure should of course receive an appropriate level of benefit which is agreed together by the developer and the community.
- This consultation must work within the boundaries of current planning legislation which these kinds of projects are already subject to such as compulsory purchase and Environmental Impact Assessment. We would appreciate clarification that this will be taken into consideration to ensure there is no duplication or onerous expectations on developers.
- A clear definition of what grid infrastructure actually looks like would be appreciated given there are different types of infrastructure, for example, underground and overground. All of these infrastructure types have different levels of interaction with communities that host electricity transmission network infrastructure.
- We have found this consultation difficult to respond to as there are several areas where we feel more clarity is required such as the differentiation between different types of projects as mentioned above.
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We would welcome the opportunity to meet with colleagues in the Department to discuss the consultation in more detail.