

# Orsted

## Benefits for the Community

**There are clear benefits of renewable energy to society in general, at a global, national and local scale. With climate change, soaring European energy prices, energy security and the importance of having a secure national energy resource all being very topical in the media today, most people are now aware that renewable energy developments play an increasingly significant role in helping to mitigate some of the negative drivers and effects of these issues. For the purposes of today's consultation, however, our focus is on the local scale and how we might provide clear, tangible benefits for the communities surrounding the Oatfield wind farm project over the course of its lifespan.**

**We are committed to engaging inclusively with the whole community and developing a responsible project that is good for society and our neighbours. Working closely with the community nearby to the proposed site, we want to help bring forward sustainable, long-term community initiatives that meet local priorities, needs and objectives. We would like to begin a discussion with the community as to how such a fund could be directed towards local needs, amenities and services, for example:**

- **Local recreational facilities**
- **Broadband and connectivity upgrades**
- **Education, skills and employment initiatives**
- **Local services such as community halls or community event sponsorship.**
- **Local biodiversity enhancements**
- **Energy efficiency upgrades**

**The distribution of the community benefit fund will ultimately be for the community to decide in partnership with our team. If you would like to speak to us about the community benefit opportunities, please get in touch - we are keen to hear from you.**

## Near Neighbour Scheme

**The near neighbour scheme would be designed in consultation with the community. This support can take many forms including direct financial support to the household with their energy bill, payments to enable households to retrofit their homes or support for further education. This scheme would be restricted to residents within a fixed proximity to the project.**

