



# Barlborough Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund Funding Criteria

## Fund Overview:

The Barlborough Wind Farm Community Fund is committed to providing a one-off accumulated sum totalling £11,000 for the operating life of the wind farm, to be split equally between Barlborough Parish Council and Clowne Parish Council for good causes in the local community.

The Fund will allow groups to apply for grants up to £250. There will be four application rounds to apply to each year. Additional rounds may be established if not all the funding is allocated at each round.

## Project locations:

Projects for which grants are requested must be located in the Parish boundaries of Barlborough and Clowne.

## Project Purpose:

The fund is open to any community project which is for the benefit of residents of the local area. This Fund can provide both capital and revenue grants.

## Eligible Organisations:

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Charities / voluntary, community groups
- Town and Parish Council
- Schools and educational establishments
- Social enterprises (including credit unions, co-operatives, social firms, community owned enterprises, community interest companies and development trusts) provided they operate on a not-for-profit basis.

Applicants need to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document and will need to have a bank or building society account with a minimum of two signatories in place before applying for a grant.

## Exclusions

Grants will **not** be available for:

- Commercial organisations.
- Private membership-based sports clubs and facilities unless membership is open to the general public without undue restriction (e.g. not membership by nomination organisations).



- Projects that only benefit one individual (unless the application is received from an organisation and the project directly benefits individuals, e.g. energy saving measures such as insulation)
- Projects that are narrowly religious in focus or that support a party political campaign or cause.
- Funding core costs in organisations, e.g. running costs, administration costs, building rental costs etc.
- Retrospective funding, i.e. projects that have already been completed, whether or not already paid for.
- Works considered a statutory responsibility, such as scheduled transport services, works to public highways and public car parks.

## **Assessment of grants**

- Application forms will be made available from the Barlborough Wind Farm website, parish councils and Bolsover District Council.
- Completed applications can be returned to Barlborough Parish Council and Clowne Parish Council. Completed applications will then be forwarded to the chair of the judging panel.
- The judging panel will meet quarterly to determine applications. The frequency of meetings can be varied at the discretion of members of the judging panel.
- The judging panel can decide to fund an application in full, in part or to reject an application. Decisions will be taken on the basis of a simple majority of members. In the event of a tied vote, the chairman of the panel shall have the casting vote.
- Following the panel meeting, letters will be sent by Bolsover District Council to all applicants informing them of the panel's decision.
- There is no obligation to allocate the full sum available at any round of funding. Bolsover Council will provide financial monitoring.
- Conflicts of interest: for each funding application to be reviewed by the panel, members must openly declare any direct or indirect conflict of interest to the meeting before discussion of the grant application. Any member of the panel who has, or has had a pecuniary interest will be asked to leave the room during the discussion of the grant application, and will not be able to vote on the funding application.
- Panels will be quorate if at least two members attend

## **Judging Criteria:**

The main criteria used when assessing applications received will be the social, economic and environmental benefits which will result from the project.

Other factors will also be considered which must be demonstrated in the application:

- The ability of the applicant to deliver the project
- How the work will be continued after the project has been completed i.e. its sustainability and legacy.
- Value for money.