

Consultation on the development of a Gloucestershire Renewable Energy Action Plan

Background

Gloucestershire Renewable Energy Forum are currently developing a Renewable Energy Action Plan for Gloucestershire and would like to invite you to contribute to the consultation phase.

This Action Plan follows on from the development of renewable electricity targets for Gloucestershire through the REvision 2010 process and is being supported by Government Office for the South West.

The Action Plan aims to address the key barriers to development of renewable energy in the County of Gloucestershire and will promote the sustainable and appropriate use of renewable energy sources. Within this broad remit the Action Plan looks to address: -

- Delivery of the County's renewable electricity target
- Development and delivery of a target for renewable heat generation.
- Key barriers to the development of renewable energy in Gloucestershire such as: -
 - *Public and institutional awareness*
 - *Financial issues*
 - *Landscape and the built environment*
 - *National and local government policy and planning systems*
 - *Lack of local expertise*

Action Plan Discussion Document

The Action Plan discussion document has been written as an initial starting point for the Action Plan.

Although the Action Plan will recognise the importance of government policy its success will be also be heavily dependent on the achievements of local organisations and individuals. This consultation process aims to involve a wide range of local stakeholders in developing a successful Action Plan for Gloucestershire.

Consultation

The Forum would welcome all views on the Action Plan discussion document. In particular we are interested in your views on the following:

- Do you agree with the statements made in the document?
- What additional issues/information do we need to include?

- Do you agree with the contents of the Action Plan table (including responsibility, resources etc.)? Is there anything that needs to be added or changed?
- What is an appropriate level for a renewable heat target and how should it be defined?
- Is the Action Plan clear and easy to understand?
- How does the Action Plan affect you and would you or your organisation be happy to sign up to it? Are there any areas where you could be involved with delivering the plan?

Where possible, please link your comments to specific sections of the discussion document. Where you feel the content of the Plan should change please try to specify what should be added and removed. This will make it easier to incorporate the detail of your comments.

Consultation Responses

Responses should include a title page with the following information: -

- Name
- Organisation (if appropriate)
- Contact details (postal, email and telephone)
- Date.

A hard copy or electronic copy of your comments on the discussion document with title page should be returned to the Severn Wye Energy Agency by Friday the 13th of August.

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