



## **GBE Supply Chain Fund: Offshore Wind and Networks Guidance Privacy Notice**

This notice sets out how the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) will process your personal data, and your rights. It is made under Articles 13 and/or 14 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

DESNZ will initially be responsible for the creation of Great British Energy (GBE) and is the data controller for personal data collected and processed until GBE is fully operational. Your personal data will be shared from DESNZ to GBE once GBE becomes a registered data controller.

We are processing your personal data for the purpose of assessing your application and for the ongoing delivery, monitoring and reporting of progress of the project in line with **the Grant Funding Agreement (GFA) if one is issued to you.**

### **1. Your Data**

We will process the following personal data as and when submitted and relevant to the application and delivery process:

#### **1. Application Preparation and Submission**

- Identification and contact details of employees involved in preparing and submitting the application (e.g. names, job titles, email addresses, phone numbers).

#### **2. Application Evaluation**

- Employment and professional information of employees whose CVs are submitted as part of the bid (e.g. names, job descriptions, qualifications, experience).

#### **3. Project Delivery (Construction and Operation)**

- Identification and contact details of employees proposed to be involved in delivery of the project including, but not limited to, job descriptions, qualifications, and relevant experience.
- Remuneration details where relevant (e.g. salary information).

## 2. Purpose

The purposes for which we are processing your personal data are:

- To verify information included in your application.
- To monitor the progress and operational delivery of the project.
- For the sampling of staff costs, employment verification and project expenditure purposes.
- For evaluation of the project to understand its impact and to inform future GBE initiatives and government policy.
- For the prevention, investigation, and detection of fraud.

## 3. Lawful basis of processing

The lawful basis for processing your personal data is Article 6(1)(e) of the UK GDPR: that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the data controller.

In this case, that is:

- fulfilment of the objects of GBE as stipulated in its articles of association (as mandated by section 3 of the Great British Energy Act 2025) and further reflected in the statement of strategic priorities made for GBE, published on 16 September 2025, and GBE's Strategic Plan published on 4 December 2025, which make clear that GBE's core objectives include "Investing in the clean energy supply chains needed to unlock clean energy deployment and support delivery of the Industrial Strategy"; and
- being accountable and transparent about the functions and policies for which DESNZ is responsible.

The processing of personal data is required for the delivery of any grant scheme or award where it will be used as part of the assessment of applications and in ongoing monitoring of projects in receipt of grant funding.

This supports GBE's Strategic Objective 1, to drive clean energy deployment across the UK as a strategic developer, investor, and owner of clean energy projects, by enabling robust evaluation of applicants' capability and experience. Collecting and assessing the above personal data ensures that funded projects have the skilled workforce needed to deliver effectively and strengthens UK supply chains by verifying roles, qualifications, and expertise critical to building domestic manufacturing capacity and creating high-quality jobs in clean energy sectors.

GBE may contact you to ask if you wish to opt-in to sharing your information with wider public finance institutions that GBE enters into data sharing agreements with (so that applicants may be directed to potential alternative sources of support). The lawful basis for any such processing would be Article 6(1)(a) of the UK GDPR (consent) and a separate Privacy Notice will be provided for such processing.

#### **4. Recipients**

Your personal data will be shared with:

- our data processor: Jeremy Benn Associates Limited (t/a JBA Consulting) (“JBA”),
- GBE once it becomes a registered data controller,
- governmental bodies (including His Majesty’s Governmental departments, agencies and arm’s length bodies) where necessary for operation of the audit and/ or reporting clauses agreed in GBE’s Framework Document; when your data is shared with government bodies, it will be classified as commercially sensitive, and the recipient will be bound by the same terms of confidentiality, and
- expert assessor(s) who are specialists with demonstrable technical knowledge and practical experience in areas critical to the application, such as technical specifications of specific components or systems or forensic accountants.

As part of our IT infrastructure, your personal data will be stored in Ireland on systems used by our data processor - Microsoft and Amazon Web Services. This does not mean we actively share your personal data with these entities; rather, they are technical service providers who host infrastructure supporting our IT systems.

#### **5. Retention**

Your personal data will be kept by us for the duration of the application window. After the application window has closed your personal data will be deleted within 30 days, except that which is necessary to retain in order to ensure continued monitoring and evaluation of any successful applications. This will be managed by the data processor on a regular basis and regularly reviewed as part of the process. This data will then be deleted within 30 days after the conclusion of the Grant Funding Agreement.

#### **6. Automated decision making**

Your personal data will not be subject to automated decision making.

#### **7. International Transfers**

Your personal data will be processed in Ireland.

#### **8. Your Rights**

You have the right to request information about how your personal data are processed, and to request a copy of that personal data.

You have the right to request that any inaccuracies in your personal data are rectified without delay.

You have the right to request that any incomplete personal data are completed, including by means of a supplementary statement.

You have the right to request that your personal data are erased if there is no longer a justification for them to be processed.

You have the right in certain circumstances (for example, where accuracy is contested) to request that the processing of your personal data is restricted.



You have the right to object to the processing of your personal data where it is processed for direct marketing purposes.

You have the right to object to processing in certain circumstances.

To exercise your rights please contact the Data Protection Officer using the contact details below.

## 9. Contact Details

The data controller for your personal data is the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ). You can contact the DESNZ Data Protection Officer at:

DESNZ Data Protection Officer, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero,  
3-8 Whitehall Place, London, SW1A 2EG.

Email: [dataprotection@energysecurity.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@energysecurity.gov.uk)

[DESNZ Personal information charter](#) explains how we treat your personal information

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your personal data, please write to the department's Data Protection Officer in the first instance using the contact details above.

### Data Processor

The data processor of your personal data is Jeremy Benn Associates Limited ("JBA"). You can contact the JBA Group Data Privacy Manager at:

Jeremy Benn Associates Limited, 1 Broughton Park, Old Lane North,  
Broughton, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 3FD

By email to [Data.Privacy@jbagroup.co.uk](mailto:Data.Privacy@jbagroup.co.uk) which is accessible via their website at [Privacy - JBA Consulting](#)

## 10. Complaints

If you consider that your personal data has been misused or mishandled, you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner, who is an UK independent regulator. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113



<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Any complaint to the Information Commissioner is without prejudice to your right to seek redress through the courts.

### **11. Updates to this notice**

If this privacy notice changes in any way, we will provide you with an updated version. Regularly reviewing this ensures you are always aware of what information we collect, how we use it, and under what circumstances we will share it with other parties. When an updated version is provided, the 'last updated' date at the bottom of this page will also change.

If these changes affect how your personal data is processed, we will take reasonable steps to let you know.

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