



GBE Community Fund and GBE Local Partnerships Grants Privacy Notice

This notice sets out how Great British Energy (GBE) will process your personal data, and your rights, in relation to the GBE Community Fund and GBE Local Partnerships grant schemes. This privacy notice is made under Articles 13 and/or 14 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). GBE is the data controller for personal data collected and processed through completing this application form. We are processing your personal data for the purposes of our public task in our capacity as an independent company wholly owned by the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and operating under the Great British Energy Act 2025. 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:

a. Application Preparation and Submission

Identification and contact details of individuals involved in preparing and submitting an application, including names, job titles, organisation names, email addresses and telephone number

b. Application Assessment

Professional and employment information relating to individuals named within an application, including job roles, qualifications, skills, experience and any CVs or supporting evidence submitted to demonstrate project capability and capacity.

c. Grant Award, Monitoring and Project Delivery

- Identification and contact details of individuals involved in managing or delivering the funded project.
- Information relating to project governance, staffing, delivery partners and key personnel, including job roles, qualifications, relevant experience and responsibilities.



- Financial information relating to project delivery where relevant, including staff costs, salary information, day rates or other personnel costs included within approved project budgets and grant claims.

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
- 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 "developing new clean energy projects and derisking the existing projects needed to deliver Clean Power 2030 and Net Zero 2050, including as a co-developer with the private and public sectors, local government, and community energy groups"; and
- being accountable and transparent about the functions and policies for which GBE 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 aim to Increase local and community ownership of clean energy and support over 1,000 local and community energy projects, boosting community ownership by enabling robust evaluation of applicants' capability and experience.

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"),
- governmental bodies (including His Majesty's Governmental departments, agencies, devolved governments, local government, and arm's length bodies) where necessary for operation of the audit and/ or reporting clauses agreed in GBE's Framework Document; and where necessary to support the development, coordination, delivery, monitoring, evaluation or oversight of local and community energy programmes, schemes and initiatives, or to facilitate engagement with project sponsors, delivery partners and other relevant stakeholders; 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,
- Local Net Zero Hubs and other partners that GBE enters into data sharing agreements with regarding the core objective mentioned above, where necessary to support the development, coordination, delivery, monitoring, evaluation or oversight of local and community energy programmes, schemes and initiatives, 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 or sub-processors (for 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, JBA, 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

You can contact the GBE Data Protection Officer at:

GBE Data Protection Officer

Great British Energy

Level 5,

MSq2

Marischal Square,

Aberdeen,

AB10 1BL

Email: dataprotection@gbe.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your personal data, please write to the GBE 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 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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