GBE Local: Expression of Interest Privacy Notice

This notice sets out how Great British Energy (GBE) will process your personal data, and your rights, in relation to Local Power Plan Expressions of Interest. This privacy notice is made under Article 13 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

GBE is the data controller for personal data collected and processed through the Local Power Plan Expressions of Interest form.

Where you have requested to subscribe to our mailing list or ask to be put in contact with Local Net Zero Hubs, we are processing your personal data on the basis of your consent to processing for that purpose.

Otherwise, 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.

1. Your Data

GBE will process the following personal data as and when you send it to us as an Expression of Interest through correspondence or web form:

- contact name
- organisation name of organisation you work for
- role / job title
- email address of individual
- phone number of individual
- IP address

GBE will also:

- process any other personal data you volunteer about yourself or others at your organisation

2. Purpose

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

a) To provide information about GBE and GBE Local schemes and initiatives to those who opt into such contact.
b) To put you in contact with the relevant Local Net Zero Hub for your project's location (if it is in England and you opt into that service) so that the Hub can analyse this information to support local authority, social housing, wider public sector, and community energy activity within its region; and the Hub can contact you regarding regional initiatives..
c)

To inform GBE about the nature of the interest that exists in local or community renewable energy projects, in order to assist GBE in shaping its detailed proposals under the Local Power Plan; and to assist GBE in proposing opportunities for co-development and support interventions, and inform our products, services and policy. When carrying out such analysis, personal data will be removed from the information if it is not necessary to process it.

3. Lawful basis of processing

- Regarding purposes (a) and (b), the lawful basis for processing your personal data is Article 6(1)(a) of the UK GDPR: that you are the data subject and have given consent to the processing of your personal data for one or more of the purposes listed in this Privacy Notice. .

Your consent will be invited to two separate uses of your data during submission of your Expression of Interest. Firstly, for the purpose listed at section 2(a) of this Privacy Notice: to provide you with information about GBE and GBE Local schemes and initiatives. Secondly, for the purpose listed at section 2(b) of this Privacy Notice: to put you in contact with the relevant Local Net Zero Hub for your project's location (if it is in England) so that the Hub can analyse this information to support local authority, social housing, wider public sector, and community energy activity within its region; and the Hub can contact you regarding regional initiatives.

Your consent is sought to each of these 'sets' of processing purposes and you may opt-in to one or more individually.

You may revoke your consent(s) at any time by contacting the GBE Local team Local@gbe.gov.uk, clicking the unsubscribe link on our circulars, or contacting the GBE Data Protection Officer at the below details.

Regarding the purpose listed at section 2(c) of this Privacy Notice, to the extent it is necessary to process personal data, 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 "*Ensur*[ing] *that UK taxpayers, billpayers, communities, and the current energy workforce benefit from the clean energy transition, by increasing public ownership and community involvement in the development of clean energy projects, and by supporting jobs and economic growth across the UK*"; and

- being accountable and transparent about the functions and policies for which GBE is responsible.

4. Recipients

Your personal data may be shared with:

- governmental bodies (including His Majesty's Government departments, agencies, devolved governments, 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;
- if your project is in England, and you have provided consent to your details being shared with a Local Net Zero Hub, your personal data will be shared with the relevant Local Net Zero Hub for your project's location.

As part of our IT infrastructure, your personal data will be stored in the UK on systems provided by data processors or sub-processors (for example 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

If you subscribe to our mailing list, or ask that your personal data be shared with the relevant Local Net Zero Hub, your personal data will be retained for that purpose unless and until you revoke your consent(s).

Otherwise, your personal data will be deleted 3 calendar years after the expression of interest was submitted.

Public correspondence may however be kept if it is sufficiently significant that it should be retained for the historical record in line with the Public Records Act 1958.

This will be managed by us on a regular basis and regularly reviewed as part of the process.

6. Automated decision making

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

7. International transfer

Your personal data will be processed in the UK.

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.

Where the basis for processing your personal data is consent, you have the absolute right to revoke that consent at any time,

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

9. Contact details

You can contact GBE Data Protection Officer at:

GBE Data Protection Officer
Great British Energy Limited
2 Marischal Square
Broad Street
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.

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 place an updated version on this page. Regularly reviewing this page 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. 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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