

Renewable and Low Carbon Energy ‘Call for Sites’ - 1 May to 15 June 2020

In order to help inform the Partial Update of the Local Plan, Bath and North East Somerset Council is conducting a Call for Sites inviting landowners and / or their agents / developers / community groups to submit land for potential large scale renewable and low carbon energy projects alongside our call for sites for housing and economic purposes.

In March 2019 Bath and North East Somerset Council declared a climate emergency and is [preparing an Action Plan](#). The Council is committed to addressing the challenge of climate change and wishes to identify potential opportunities to increase the supply of renewable and low carbon energy in our district.

Renewable energy covers those energy flows that occur naturally and repeatedly in the environment – from the wind, the fall of water, from the sun and deep geothermal heat. Examples of the types of renewable energy development the Council are seeking to consider are:

- Solar Power
- Hydro Power
- Wind turbines

Low carbon technologies are those that can help reduce carbon emissions (compared to the conventional use of fossil fuels). All technologies, including options for electricity storage, such as battery storage will also be considered under this call for sites.

Some renewable and low carbon technologies, such as roof mounted solar panels and air source heat pumps, are attached to the fabric of a building and usually do not require planning permission. Further information on planning issues regarding home energy generation is [available from the Planning Portal](#).

This Renewable and Low Carbon Energy ‘Call for Sites’ is only seeking suggestions for land for large scale standalone renewable and low carbon energy projects (i.e. not those attached to a building).

To submit sites please complete the following form online: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/form/propose-a-site-for-development>. Please include details of the site ownership, land owner’s consent, proposed project, land availability and a scale map or GIS/KML file clearly identifying the precise boundaries of the land that is available for a renewable or low carbon energy project.

Proposed sites and broad locations can be submitted through the form at any time. We will periodically take stock of the sites we are aware of at a given date so that we can produce an updated assessment. The closing date to submit sites for next review will be **15 June 2020**.

Sites submitted after this date will be kept on a register and considered next time we update the assessment.

References:

- [Adopted Bath and North East Somerset Core Strategy: Renewable Energy Target and associated Placemaking Plan Policies](#)
- [Update to the Bath and North East Somerset renewable energy resource evidence base, Regen SW](#) (October 2018)
- [Renewable Energy and Planning Research-Update \(2010\) Landscape Sensitivity Analysis for Wind Energy Development in Bath and North East Somerset, Land Use Consultants](#) (December 2010)
- [Landscape and Visual Issues for Areas with Technical Potential for Wind Energy Development in Bath and North East Somerset, Land Use Consultants](#) (July 2011)