

Brampton and Beyond Energy Questionnaire

Brampton and Beyond Energy (BABE) is a community-led Co-operative, set up to trade for community benefit. We have been given a government grant of £20,000 to investigate the potential to generate renewable energy in the Brampton area from a range of possible sources, including micro-hydropower, solar, wind, biomass, geothermal and anaerobic digestion.

There are lots of advantages to generating renewable energy locally: it will help reduce our reliance on increasingly expensive energy provided by private companies, it will lower our collective carbon footprint and it will help make Brampton a more economically and environmentally sustainable place for future generations to enjoy.

We're delivering this survey to households in Brampton so that everyone can have a say in what happens next, and also to give people the opportunity to get actively involved. Using your responses we can begin to identify priorities, concerns, potential impacts and suggestions for how these might be overcome. Together with findings from the technical studies this will help us identify the most appropriate renewable energy options for the Brampton community, and also what community benefit you'd like to see from income generated by the project.

It should only take about 10 minutes to complete this survey which will be time well-spent in making sure your views are heard.

If you'd like to discuss anything before completing your questionnaire we're having a stall at Brampton Farmers Market on **Sat 27 September** (9.30-1.30). We'll also be holding a drop-in session at Brampton Community Centre on **Wed 8 Oct** (5.30-8.00), where community energy experts and members of BABE will be on hand to answer your questions (and there will also be an opportunity to win a £50 smart meter, which could help you save up to 15% off your electricity bill!)



If you have any questions, or would like extra blank copies, please contact Gwen Harrison:

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Your responses will be confidential and any information published as a result of the responses will not be attributable to any individual.

Completed questionnaires

If the questionnaire was hand-delivered to your home, just leave it sticking out of your post box, where it will be picked up in about **1.5 hours**.

Otherwise you can do any of the following:

- Fill it in online at: <http://tinyurl.com/BABEsurvey>
- Drop it off at the Brampton Community Centre
- Post it to the Brampton Community Centre (The Irthing Centre, Union Lane, Brampton, CA8 1BX)

Please complete and return your questionnaire by: **Friday 10 October**



Q1 What is your postcode? This is to determine the geographical spread of opinions, not your identity

Technology options

Q2 Which of the following renewable energy technologies are you reasonably familiar with?

- Solar panels Hydropower Wind turbines
Anaerobic digestion Geothermal heating Biomass

Q3 Do you support the idea of generating renewable energy locally in principle, if it is appropriately designed and sited?

- Yes No
If no, please state the reasons for your answer

Q4 If you support the principle of communities creating their own renewable energy, what do you consider to be the most important benefits?

- | | Very important | Fairly important | Not important |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Greater local control of energy supply | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reduction in fuel poverty | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reduction in carbon emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Greater community cooperation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cheaper energy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="text"/> | | |

Q5 If you have concerns about any of the technology options listed, please outline these, together with any suggestions you may have for how these might be resolved If none please go to Q6

	Concern	Suggestions for how this may be resolved
Solar panels	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Hydropower	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Wind turbines	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Anaerobic digestion	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Geothermal heating	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Biomass	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



Q6 Which, if any, of the following renewable energy technologies would you be happy to have either close to your home or in the wider Brampton area, assuming they were of a suitable size and in a suitable location? (Close means, for example, no closer than 200m for an anaerobic digester plant and 800m for a wind turbine for planning purposes)

	Close to my home	In the wider Brampton area	Please give reasons for your answer
Solar panels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Hydropower	<input type="checkbox"/> (50m)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Wind turbine	<input type="checkbox"/> (800m)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Anaerobic digester	<input type="checkbox"/> (200m)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Geothermal heating	<input type="checkbox"/> (100m)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Biomass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>

Q7 Do you have any other comments or concerns about any of the technology options listed above?
Please give details below

Community benefits

Q8 One of the main aims of the project is to generate an income that could be used to benefit the community. If a renewable energy scheme were to go ahead, what community benefits would you be in favour of? Please indicate high, medium or low priority

	High priority	Medium priority	Low priority
Health and wellbeing activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural community transport support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support to local arts and crafts projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional training courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal development courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Centre improvements and equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support to welfare cases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capital and revenue expenditure such as a swimming pool in Brampton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="text"/>		



Q9 Do you have any other comments on how community benefits could be selected? Please give details below

Getting involved

Q10 If a community energy scheme were shown to be both popular and viable, what level of personal involvement would you consider? Please tick all that apply

- None, because I don't think communities should try to manage renewable energy schemes
- None, because I have no interest either in BABE or in community benefits
- None, but I would be broadly content for BABE to make most decisions on my behalf
- I would like to be kept informed with updates by email
- I would try to attend public meetings/events to find out more
- I would be prepared to help deliver house-to-house leaflets
- I can help with other aspects of the publicity campaign, communications and/or community engagement
- I would be prepared to help in the organisation of future events and activities
- I have communications / media / technical / legal / organisational / administrative / financial* expertise that I would be prepared to offer BABE. (* = delete as appropriate)
- I might consider renting my roof space for a community solar energy scheme
- I have renewable energy installed at my home and can share data on its performance
- Other (please specify)

Q11 Would you, in principle, be willing to invest in the scheme, assuming the project offered a reasonable rate of return on your investment?

Yes

No

Q12 If you answered yes to Q11 above, how much do you think you might be willing to invest? (note that this is simply to give a broad indication of how much we might expect to raise from the community, and it does not commit you in any way to investing)

£10-£50

£51-£100

£101-£200

£201-£500

£501-£1,000

>£1,000

If >£1,000, please specify approximate amount

Q13 If you have answered yes to any of Q10-12, we'd be very grateful if you could give us your contact details so that we can keep you informed and/or contact you in the event that a) we need assistance or b) a share offer is issued.

Name

Phone number

Email address

Thank you for taking part.

