

benefits from Neshion Energy Park to the Shetland Fair Share Principles, ensuring a fair, transparent and community focused approach. Community feedback and survey analysis from our first phase of public engagement showed overwhelmingly that the high cost of energy bills is the number one concern for local residents.

In direct response to this feedback, Neshion Energy Park will introduce a Local Electricity Discount Scheme (LEDS)

to provide meaningful financial support.

Our **LEDS** will offer eligible households and businesses in Toft, Brough, Mossbank, Firth and Graven a discount on their electricity bills, helping to reduce the financial pressure of increasing energy costs. The amount of discount will be linked to the final size of the project once built.

The map below shows the proposed eligibility area, based on postcodes. These postcodes represent the communities neighbouring the project. Further details on how the scheme will operate, including how discounts will be applied, will be confirmed as the project progresses and in consultation with the community.



How our LEDS will work:

- Works with any electricity supplier
- Discount is credited to electricity accounts or provided as vouchers for pre-payment meters
- Applications to be part of the scheme typically open 1 month after the project becomes operational.
- Transparent eligibility based on postcodes

Community and Shared Ownership:

We propose to make at least 5% of the project available for community ownership and will work with suitable community bodies to co-develop achievable routes to this. We also have an ambition to gift a share to help improve the viability of a community stake in the project. This model supports:

- Long-term income for local communities
- Greater local involvement in renewable energy projects
- Opportunities to reinvest profits into community priorities

Additional Options

In addition to LEDS and Shared Ownership, we are considering a range of other benefit options some of which are already established in the local area.

These could include:

- Support for local education and training, including apprenticeships and scholarships
- Contributions to existing community funds and/or charitable initiatives
- Partnerships with local organisations delivering services and/or support to residents such as the Brae Rural Energy Hub
- Environmental enhancement and/or biodiversity projects

We welcome ideas from the community on how these benefits could best be delivered and how we can support what's already working locally.