

**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Info  
**Subject:** Urgent push to amend the G.B. Energy Bill

Dear Witney Town Council

I write with an urgent request for your help.

I am reaching out because Witney Town Council supports our campaign for the Local Electricity Bill, that aims to create growth in community-led renewable energy schemes – known as ‘community energy’ – by enabling them to sell the electricity that they generate directly to local people.

This message is about a different Bill: the Government’s newly proposed ‘Great British Energy Bill’. This Bill, as currently drafted, sets up the new Great British Energy company and gives it a set of low-carbon and energy security objectives. But the Bill contains no mention of community energy, despite the new Government repeatedly stating its support for the sector and promising measures to boost it.

The Bill should be strengthened with an amendment to include enabling community energy as one of Great British Energy’s objectives, otherwise it will be a major missed opportunity.

We are co-ordinating cross-party support for this amendment, a copy of which is further below. Wera Hobhouse MP has agreed to table it later next week, probably by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. MPs have up until then to sign it. As you can see, five MPs have already put their names to it – three are Labour and two are Green – a decent start. The more MPs who sign it the better the chances of persuading energy ministers to include it in the Bill.

**Could Witney Town Council please urgently help by doing the following?:**

1. Emailing your local MP, or MPs, asking them to, ‘Please sign the cross-party amendment that will include supporting community energy in the Great British Energy Bill, sponsored by MPs Sarah Champion, Carla Denyer, Simon Opher, Adrian Ramsay and Cat Smith and led by Wera Hobhouse MP.’
2. Asking people in your network to send a similar message to their MP.

This is an exciting opportunity to promote community energy, especially given the recent strong words of support from energy ministers. Full details and the background about this are in our latest update [here](#).

If we can assist you with this, please let me know.

Kind regards  
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## **Community Energy Amendment – Great British Energy Bill**

### **Lead Member**

Wera Hobhouse

### **Sponsors**

Sarah Champion, Carla Denyer, Simon Opher, Adrian Ramsay and Cat Smith

### **Amendment Text**

Clause 3, page 2, line 18

at end insert—

“(e) measures to increase low carbon and renewable energy schemes owned, or part owned, by community organisations.”

### **Member’s Explanatory Text**

This amendment includes community energy schemes in the objects that the Great British Energy company will be restricted to facilitating, encouraging and participating in.