

Local Energy Pledge:



As decarbonisation of our homes and the grid becomes a reality, the **British Hydropower Association** is calling on parliamentary candidates to pledge to ensure that local communities are not held back by issues of affordability or access to the grid.

The BHA is calling on politicians to take the following pledge:



I pledge to:

- **Put local energy at the heart of energy planning.**
- **Support a diverse mix of local low carbon generation including Hydropower.**
- **Work to make decarbonisation accessible to all communities.** ”

Key Points:

- Flexibility and smart energy solutions will reduce curtailment and therefore cost.
- Local energy solutions will ensure primary substations are maximising their capacity.
- Rural communities may have constrained grids that can't support EV charge points.
- Reinforcement costs of rural grids will be significant, smart local energy solutions provide a cost-effective route forward ensuring Rural Communities are not forgotten.

How can we accomplish this:

- Rural Community pilots highlighting effectiveness and impact on the grid.
- Local energy markets or peer to peer energy trading enabling small scale generators to sell the electricity they generate to local households.
- Encouraging more community owned and local renewable energy generation.
- Acknowledge that in some rural communities hydropower is the only route to decarbonisation.



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