



Dear Newton and Noss resident,

I am undertaking research in your community and would like your views on local ground mounted solar energy developments. I hope to interview a representative sample of residents from Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo over the coming month.

Interviews usually last 1 hour and will provisionally take place the week beginning 24th July, 2017. Interviews will be held within the Parish - location to be confirmed.

If you are interested in taking part in the research, please email, text or call me with your availability for that week.

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If you are unable to make any of the above dates, it may be possible to arrange a phone interview for a more convenient time.

Coffee and Tea will be provided.

Please see below for research details:

Public engagement in renewable energy infrastructure developments

About the research

This research explores different forms of public engagement employed by organisations involved in renewable energy infrastructure projects. The research will examine the decision-making process in the design, planning and operation of such projects and looks to identify good practice.

Fieldwork

The research will consider a number of case studies that focus on different forms of engagement and participation across three different solar developments all within the South West, UK. Each case study will examine engagement in light of different ownership arrangements.

A number of research methods will be employed including interviews with members of the community and professional stakeholders and focus groups.

Interviewees and focus group participants will have a choice of how they are identified in any research output and the opportunity to review interview transcripts.

Funding

The research is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). This is an independent academic research initiative, which aims to inform academic, policy and civil society audiences.

Outputs and dissemination

Findings and dissemination are intended to be useful to policymakers, academics and the public. I would like to keep in touch with all research participants to inform them about dissemination activities.

If you have any queries about any aspect of our research, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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