

## **Request to support the Local Electricity Bill**

I am writing to ask that you please join 27 Parish, Town and Community Councils that have already resolved to support the Local Electricity Bill.

The Bill, if made law, would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. This is currently impossible because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

The ultimate result of this would be:

1. Local communities and businesses could buy their electricity from a local energy company.
2. Building more local renewable energy would be financially viable.
3. Communities would benefit from the revenues that new local energy supply companies would generate, such as more local skilled jobs, energy efficiency schemes and investment in local facilities.

### **Could you please help by doing the following?**

**1. Ask Wem Town Council to support the Local Electricity Bill.** A suggested resolution is further below.

**2. Sign up to the campaign** as an individual, which you can do here:  
[www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up](http://www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up)

Please reply if you would like a more detailed briefing or to ask anything about the Bill or our campaign for it.

Kind regards

Steve

Director

Power for People

[www.powerforpeople.org.uk](http://www.powerforpeople.org.uk)

See a copy of the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Local-Electricity-Bill.pdf>

See a list of the cross-party group of 115 MPs supporting the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/local-electricity-bill-supportive-mps/>

The Councils supporting the Bill are: Barwell Parish Council, Bideford Town Council, Blackawton Parish Council, Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council, Braemar Community Council, Chesham Town Council, Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council, Comhairle nan

Eilean Siar, Dittisham Parish Council, Great Boughton Parish Council, Hales & Heckingham Parish Council, Humberston Parish Council, Langford & Ulting Parish Council, Langton Matravers Parish Council, Mungrisdale Parish Council, Newbald Parish Council, Newton and Noss Parish Council, Sandwich Community Council, Scrooby Parish Council, Shrewsbury Town Council, St David's City Council, Studley Parish Council, Sutton St. James Parish Council, Taffs Well Community Council, Tattenhall & District Parish Council, Trotton with Chithurst Parish Council and Worlingworth Parish Council

## **Council Draft Resolution**

That Wem Town Council

I) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

- aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,

if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and therefore empower

- councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- would result in councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies receiving revenues that could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities

II) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs during the 2017-19 Parliamentary session; and

III) further resolves to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or [info@powerforpeople.org.uk](mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk)) expressing its support.