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Community engagement workshop

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The importance of community engagement



- Increasing community support for the project.
- Ensuring that community concerns are responded to.

- Ensuring that the views of the wider community are reflected.
- Community members need to be part of the decision-making processes throughout the project to ensure that the project reflects local preferences.

Methods of community engagement





Public Meetings and Workshops



Online Platforms



Information Sessions and Webinars



Site Visits and Demonstrations



Surveys and Feedback Forms



Partnerships with local organisations



Community Liaison Groups



Storytelling and Visual Materials





Scenarios



Scenario 1 – Rooftop solar



- Looking to put solar on rooftop on **community centre**, council are **supportive**.
- The area is further towards the **outskirts of the city** with poor transport links and a range of economic classes and demographics.
- The community centre is in the **middle of the** residential area.
- There is a range of awareness levels and opinions of for renewables.
- There are a **diverse range** of places of worship, community centres and independent shops.



Questions



- What methods do you think would be most useful in this scenario?
- What could potentially go wrong with your community engagement?
- How would you tailor your engagement methods to groups in the area?
- How would you increase community support for the project?
- How would you ensure the views of the wider community are reflected and responded to over the course of the projects?

Scenario 2 – Onshore wind



- Looking to install a community owned onshore wind turbine.
- There are a collection of **villages** close to the site.
- A **local opposition group** has already been established. There are only 15 members, but they are very vocal.
- The community is **largely middle and upper middle-class** residents.
- Local institutions include sports clubs, a few local pubs and a couple of community groups

