

Wind Value Community Engagement Survey Information



Thank you for considering participating in this research project. The purpose of this document is to explain to you what the study is about and what your participation would involve, to enable you to make an informed choice.

The purpose of this study is to assess attitudes towards wind energy and the possibility of community ownership of onshore wind farms. This part of the study is an online survey to assess your attitude to financial risks. The online survey should take less than 6 minutes.

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. There is no obligation to participate, and should you choose to do so, you can refuse to answer specific questions, or decide to withdraw from the survey entirely. You may withdraw from the survey up to a month after submitting, in that case your information will not be used. The right to withdraw from the survey cannot be permanent as research reports and papers will be written and published based on anonymized information received from you and the other participants.

The information you give on the survey is stored on a University College Cork supported cloud storage platform, namely the Wind Value Microsoft Forms Account which may only be accessed from the researchers' UCC login. The data will be stored for minimum of ten years. The anonymized information you provide may contribute to research publications and/or conference presentations as well as a PhD thesis and research reports available on the project website at https://windvalue.ie/.

We do not anticipate any negative outcomes from participating in this study. Should you experience distress arising from the interview, the contact details for support services provided below may be of assistance.

This study has obtained ethical approval from the UCC Social Research Ethics Committee. If you have any queries about this research, you can contact me at <u>peter.deeney@ucc.ie</u>.

If you agree to take part in this study, please sign the consent form overleaf.

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