



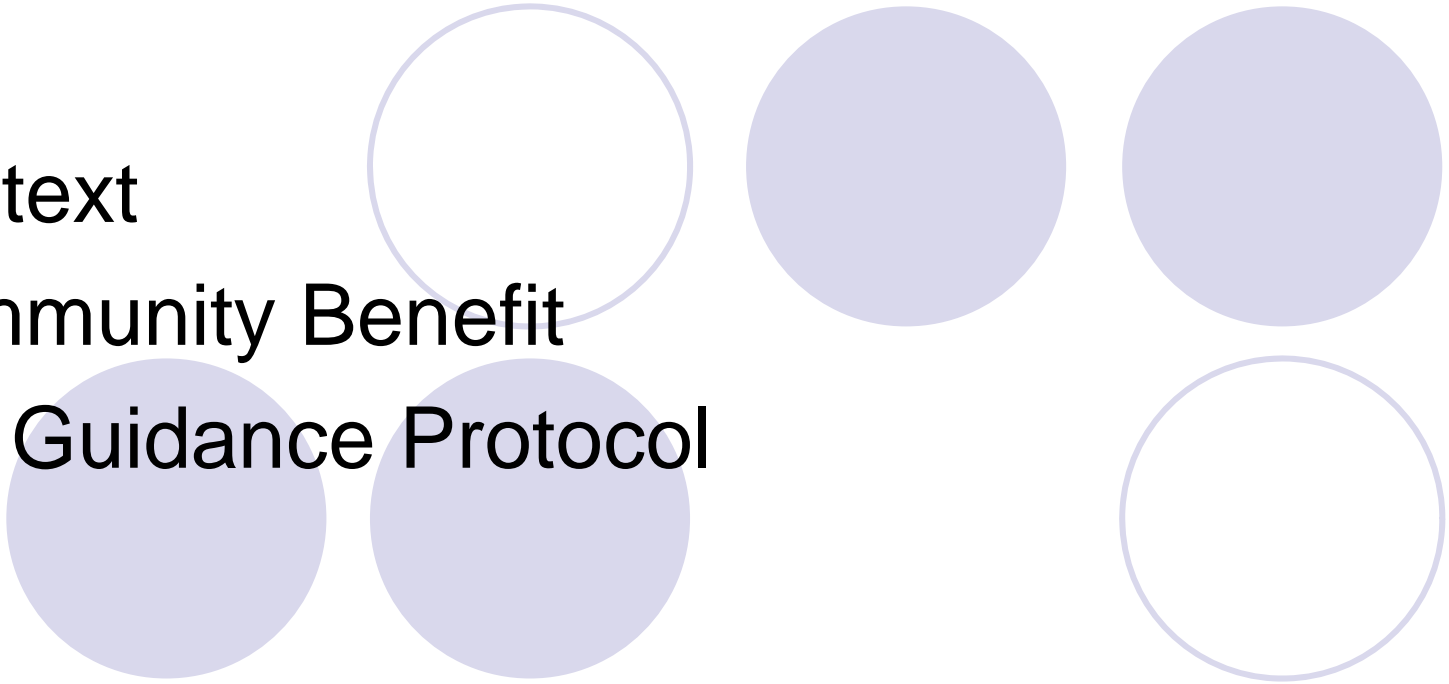
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Draft Guidance Protocol on the payment of community benefits from Windfarms in West Tyrone

My presentation

- Context
- Community Benefit
- Our Guidance Protocol





Concerns

- High wind energy resource
- Saturation/ Cumulative impacts
- West Tyrone against Windfarms
- Noise complaints (health)
- shadow flicker/TV reception
- Impacts on biodiversity
- Landscape heritage (Sperrins AOONB)
- Industrialisation of the landscape
- Lucrative industry which is heavily subsidised
- Rural communities suffering social and economic deprivation and fuel poverty

Community Benefit



- Tokenistic
- An unclear and fragmented picture
- Substantially low levels of payments
- Higher levels of payments in Scotland, England and Wales.
- Industry treating NI communities less favourably

DECC Call for Evidence on community benefits and onshore wind

- An increase in the recommended community benefit package in England from £1,000 per MW of installed capacity to £5,000 MW for the year of the windfarm
- Compulsory pre application consultation
- Register of community benefits
- Clear evidence on the impacts



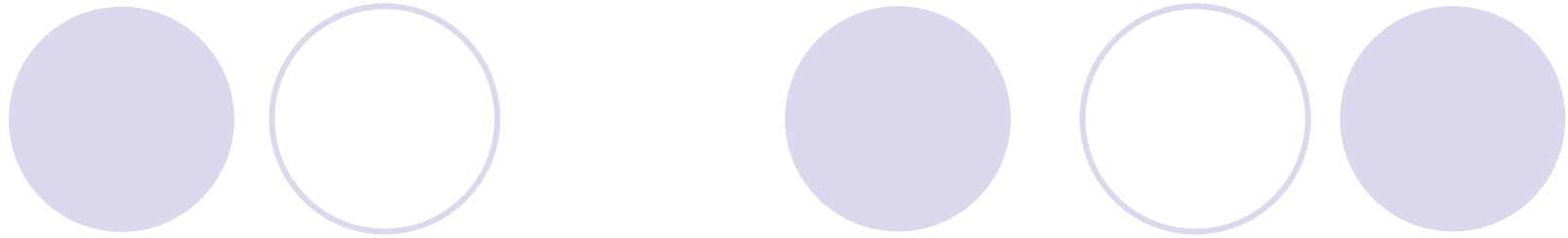
Our Guidance Protocol:

- Developers to pay £5,000 per MW per annum (index linked) to regenerate and sustain rural communities locally.
- 70% allocated to the community living within 5 miles of the site and the remaining 30% being allocated within 8 miles of the site



Conclusion

- First time a policy of this nature has been introduced
- Out for a period of 12 week consultation
- It is a means of support for host communities and councils
- Principles of sustainable development and fair and equitable treatment.



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