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## GLOSSARY

Term	Definition	Source Document
DCO	Development Consent Order	PEI
HVAC	High Voltage Alternating Current	PEI
IEC	Intermediate Electrical Compound	PEI
kV	Kilovolt	PEI
PINS	Planning Inspectorate	PEI
Unlicensed Works	Unlicensed works are electrical works needed to connect Triton Knoll to the National Grid substation at Bicker Fen that National Grid is not required pursuant to its transmission licence to carry out itself	PEI
TKES	Triton Knoll Electrical System	PEI
TKOWF	Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm	PEI
TKOWFL	Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Ltd	PEI

## 1 SUMMARY

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This report focuses on the results from the Triton Knoll Community Investment Fund public consultation questionnaire, available for completion between 27<sup>th</sup> January and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Members of the public were asked for feedback on where and how they would like both a one-off fund of £500,000 and an annual fund of £40,000 to be spent. The report briefly describes the approach taken to deliver the questionnaire, and also provides a written and visual representation of the results.

### Headline Results

- 184 people took part in the consultation
- Most respondents (64%) thought that the areas of Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and North Kesteven District Council should benefit from the on-off £500,000 fund; 23% selected the 'other' option and 8% selected Lincolnshire County Council.
- 75% of respondents agreed that the boundary areas indicated by Triton Knoll, were the appropriate areas to benefit from the annual £40,000 fund, 4% disagreed and 15% selected other offering alternatives such as including the South Holland District Council.
- The three most popular funding options for the one-off fund £500,000 fund were; Improving rural transport, large grants for community projects and small grants to local community projects.
- The three most popular funding options for the £40,000 annual fund were; Small grants to local community projects, support for older people at risk of social isolation and improving rural transport.
- Over half of the respondents (51%) said they would like to see parish council and local resident representatives involved in the decision making process for the allocation of the annual fund. 27% selected Borough/ District council and local voluntary organisations; 11% selected TKOWFL representatives and 5% selected County Council representatives.

- Lots of different alternative suggestions were provided on how funding could be delivered. Some of the responses included:
  - Using the funds for art trails and displays;
  - Delivering funding through parish councils;
  - Every local household being given an amount of money from the fund;
  - Helping local small businesses to have wind turbines fitted.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

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### Overview

Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm Limited (TKOWFL) is submitting an application to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Triton Knoll Electrical System (the proposed development) under the Planning Act 2008. The Triton Knoll Electrical System (TKES) would connect the consented Triton Knoll Offshore Wind Farm (TKOWF) offshore array to the existing National Grid substation at Bicker Fen, near Boston. The TKOWF is located approximately 33km (20.5 miles) off the Lincolnshire coast. The Secretary of State granted a DCO for the TKOWF offshore array on 12th July 2013.

TKOWFL is a joint venture between two leading international renewable energy companies; RWE Innogy and Statkraft. RWE Innogy UK Ltd is the UK subsidiary of the German renewable energy company RWE Innogy (part of RWE AG), a company with a strong and diversified position in renewable energy development. Statkraft is Europe's largest generator of renewable energy and is the leading power company in Norway.

### Project Overview

The components of the TKES, which are needed to connect TKOWF to the National Grid, comprise:

- Up to six offshore export cable circuits – to transmit the high voltage alternating current (HVAC) electricity from the offshore substations to the transition joint bays at the landfall;
- Landfall infrastructure just north of Anderby Creek, Lincolnshire – including transition joint bays which house the connection between the offshore cables and the onshore cables;
- Up to six onshore export cable circuits (up to 220 kV) – to transmit the HVAC electricity from the transition joint bays at the landfall to the



proposed Triton Knoll Substation via the Intermediate Electrical Compound;

- An Intermediate Electrical Compound near to Orby Marsh – to provide compensation for reactive power to allow more efficient transmission to minimise losses;
- A substation near the existing Bicker Fen National Grid Substation – to step-up the voltage to that used by the National Grid and provide additional compensation for reactive power built up over the export transmission;
- Up to six onshore export cable circuits (400 kV) – to transmit the electricity from the proposed Triton Knoll Substation to the existing National Grid substation at Bicker Fen, Boston; and
- Unlicensed Works within the existing National Grid Bicker Fen substation compound comprising up to two new ‘bays’ of electrical equipment required to connect the Electrical System to the National Grid.

The onshore Proposed Development Boundary for the Triton Knoll Electrical System is shown in the Works Plans. Please see Figure 1.1 below for a map detailing the onshore Proposed Development Boundary for the Triton Knoll Electrical System.

**Figure 1.1: Map showing the proposed onshore development boundaries for Triton Knoll Electrical System.**



The other works at the existing National Grid Bicker Fen substation required to connect the power produced by the TKOWF into the National Grid (the 'Enabling Works') will be consented, constructed and operated by National Grid. National Grid has not yet completed the engineering studies necessary to define the Enabling Works required at their existing Bicker Fen substation. However, it is anticipated that these works will only involve additions to the existing infrastructure within the existing site boundary.

### 3 OPPORTUNITY

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TKOWFL has committed to delivering a community investment fund relating to the onshore electrical works associated with TKOWF. Up to £500,000 will be allocated into local communities during the onshore construction works and up to a further £40,000 annually into areas neighbouring the above ground electrical infrastructure, during the operational life-time of the wind farm. The annual fund will become available at the start of operations for the offshore wind farm.

Both funds are subject to a successful award of a development consent order for the Triton Knoll Electrical System (TKES) and the final installed capacity of the wind farm.

The purpose of this consultation was to benefit from the knowledge and experience of local people to ensure that the funds are delivered in the most effective way possible to meet the specific needs of the local areas.

The funding is:

**Long term** – the annual fund will be available each year throughout the lifetime of the project allowing communities to plan for future activity

**Private sector** – so it could be used to secure match funding which could double the value of the initial investment

**Simple** – it can have a proportionate application and monitoring processes with simple criteria, reducing barriers to accessing funding that often exist with more bureaucratic application processes

**Flexible** – in terms of:

**Who** it could support (voluntary organisations but also individuals and businesses)

**What** it could fund (very few restrictions), and

**Ways** it can be delivered (from grants to loans, allowing the funding opportunity to be maximised beyond the original invested amount).

**Can put communities at the heart of decision making** – the funds can provide an opportunity for community representatives to get involved in making decisions on how the funding is invested.

## 4 APPROACH TAKEN

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In 2014, a consultation activity was undertaken with Local Authorities. Representatives from TKOWFL met with officers involved in Planning, Economic Regeneration and Communities from East Lindsey District Council, Boston Borough Council and North Kesteven District Council. A telephone conference was also held with officers from Lincolnshire County Council. The intention of these early meetings was to help TKOWFL better understand the strategic priorities for the areas and how the community investment funds could help to address these. Councils were provided with broad information about the fund and were asked to provide feedback, either during the meetings or in writing later, on the following topics:

1. Key themes that the funding could be used to address;
2. How funding could be used to support delivery of strategic priorities and should this be a consideration;
3. Specific funding gaps which could be addressed;
4. Key projects which the funding could be used to support
5. Which communities should benefit from the investment;
6. The use of a questionnaire based community consultation, comments on this mechanism or suggestions for any alternative approach;
7. Other groups and / or organisations we should engage with.

Feedback from these initial meetings was later used to help build the consultation questionnaire. The questionnaire would provide the opportunity for members of the public to get involved and have their say on how the funds could be invested in the local areas.

TKOWFL issued a draft version of the questionnaire to East Lindsey District Council, Boston Borough Council, North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council for review and comment. Comments received were considered and a number of amendments were made to the questionnaire before being finalised and distributed to the public.

Almost 10,000 questionnaires were issued to households located within a 3km radius of the proposed Intermediate Electrical Compound site, and a 5km radius of the proposed Substation site, along with all addresses that TKOWFL had consulted with previously on the TKES proposals,. The questionnaire was issued along with a project newsletter which provided more detailed information about the funds and details around the consultation. Addresses for the mailing list were identified by using a mail search. If a settlement or village was 'skimmed' during this search then all addresses within that settlement or village were included on the mailing list.

The consultation ran from 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 until 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 with local individuals and organisations able to complete either a paper questionnaire which could be returned to a freepost address, an electronic questionnaire which could be downloaded from the website or were able to complete an online version via a link from the website. A total of 184 individual questionnaires were returned to TKOWFL.

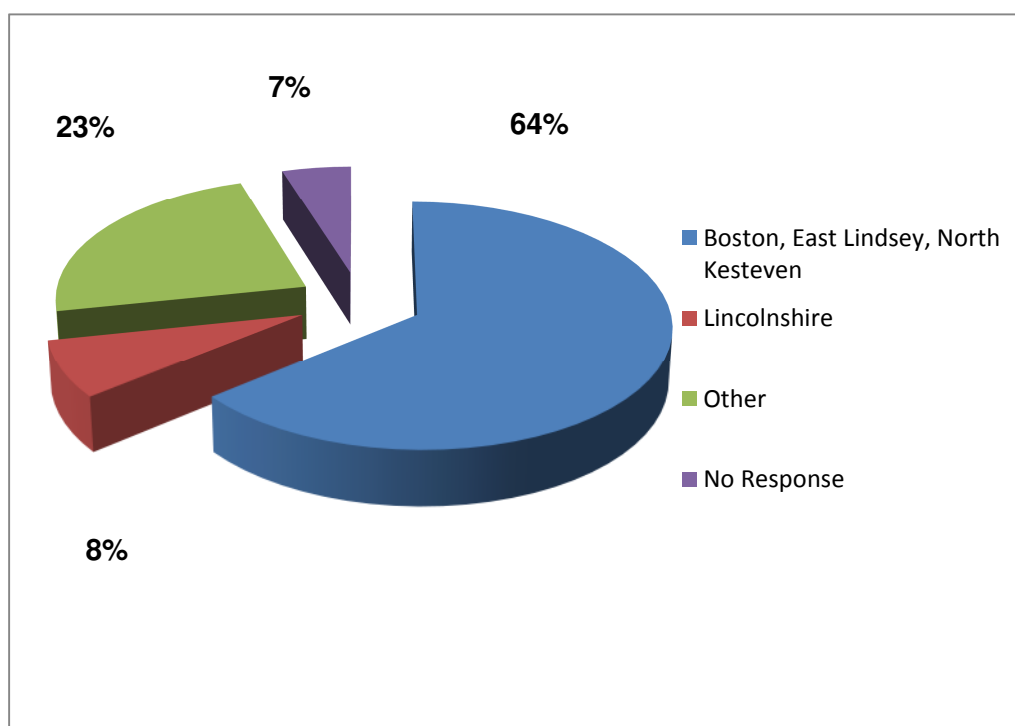
TKOWFL is very grateful to all those who took the time to respond to the consultation and share their views.

## 5 HEADLINE RESULTS

### QUESTION 1

Question 1 asked which geographical areas respondents thought should benefit from the one-off £500,000 fund. The majority (64%) of responses to this question indicated a preference for the funding to benefit the Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council and North Kesteven District Council areas (the areas where the proposed onshore electrical infrastructure could be based or in close proximity to). 8% of responses indicated a preference for the one-off funding to benefit the whole of Lincolnshire, while some 23% of responses indicated a preference for another area to benefit. Alternative suggestions including engaging with South Holland District Council because Donington, which is close to Bicker, and included in the annual fund search area, falls within its area. Please see Figure 1.1 below for a visual aid to the results of this question.

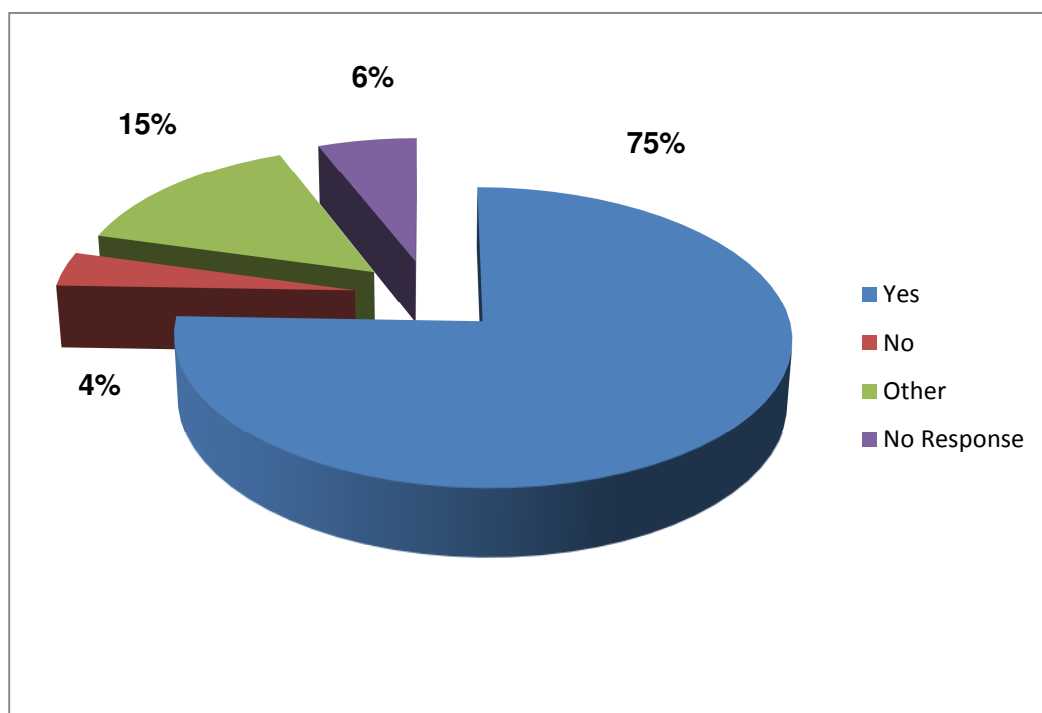
**Figure 1.2: Results from Question 1**



## QUESTION 2

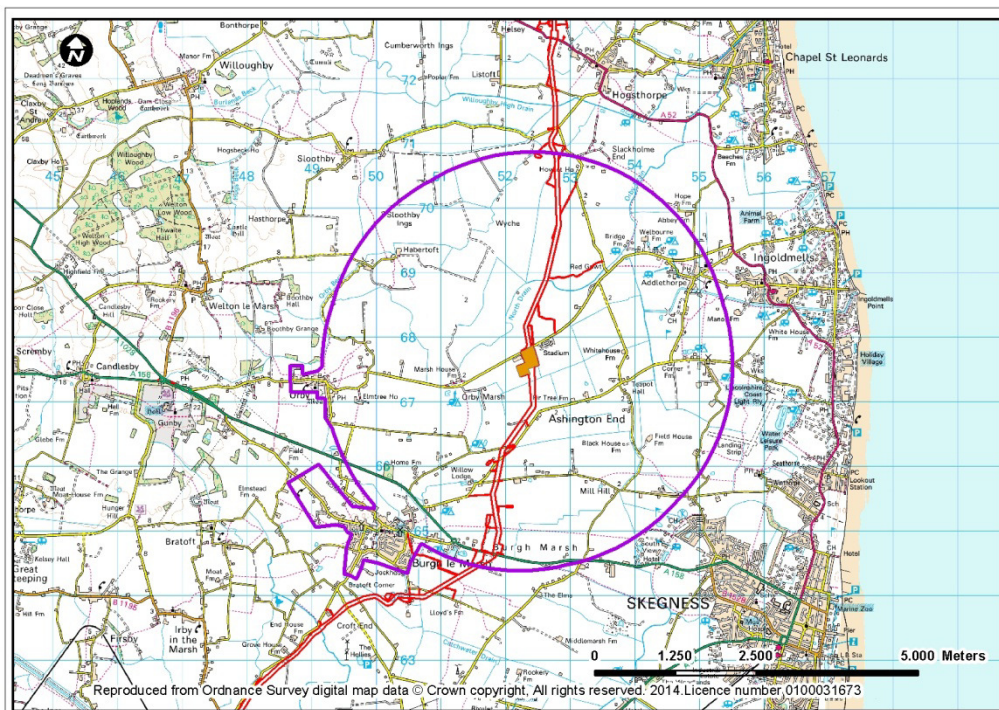
Question 2 provided two maps indicating the proposal for two distinct areas that could be eligible for the annual £40,000 funding. The first map showed a boundary around the proposed Intermediate Electrical Compound (IEC) site and the second map included a boundary around the proposed substation site. Consideration was given to creating boundaries to include whole communities rather than splitting. 75% of respondents agreed that the proposed areas for the £40,000 annual funding were appropriate and 5% of respondents disagreed. 15% of respondents suggested other areas for the funding with suggestions including; coverage of other villages to the northeast; coverage of the entire cable route and suggestions that Heckington and Donington should not be included. Please see Figures 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 for a visual aid to the responses to Question 2.

**Figure 2.1: Results from Question 2**

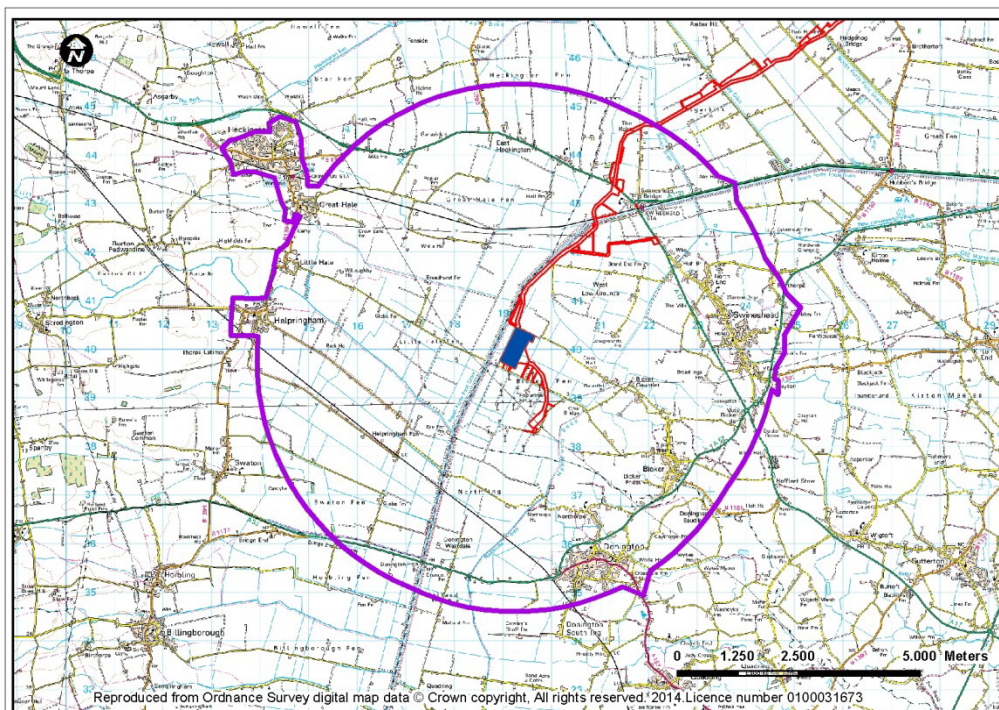




**Figure 2.2: Suggested funding boundaries around proposed IEC site**



**Figure 2.3: Suggested funding boundaries around the proposed substation site**





### QUESTION 3

In question 3, respondents were provided with the opportunity to indicate their top three priorities for how the funding could be used. Respondents were asked to select their top priorities for both the one-off £500,000 fund and the annual £40,000 fund. Respondents had a choice of 19 options which were mostly suggested following earlier meetings with Local Authorities. There was also the potential to offer additional suggestions that were not listed in the table.

The top three priorities for respondents regarding how the one-off £500,000 fund could be used in local communities were; improving rural transport with 42 selections, large grants for community projects with 41 selections and small grants to local community projects with 40 selections. There was also strong support for improving broadband speed, restoring/improving and creating wildlife habitat areas, and apprenticeship schemes.

The top three priorities for respondents regarding how the £40,000 annual funding could be used in local communities were; small grants to local community projects with 68 selections, support for older people at risk of social isolation with 50 selections and improving rural transport with 36 selections. There was also strong support for restoring/improving and creating wildlife habitat areas, recreational improvements for residents and visitors, and projects to occupy teenagers and young adults.

Some respondents made additional suggestions including; projects to look into alternative energies for local businesses, art activities and events and improving local services. Please see Table 1.1 for a visual aid to the responses for Question 3.

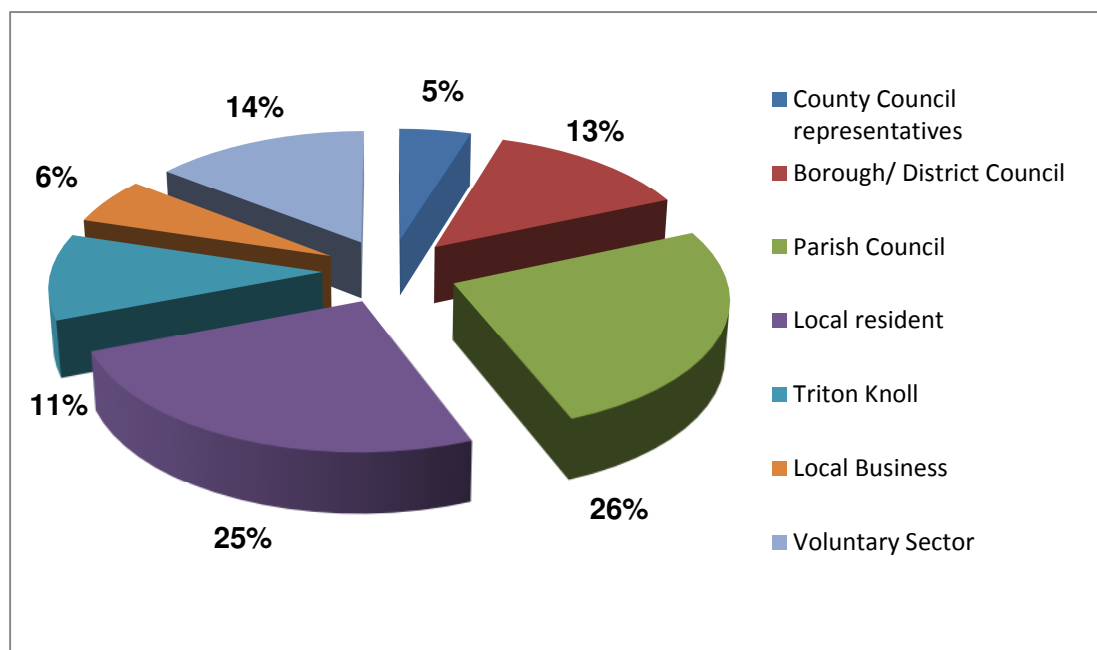
**Table 1.1: Table of options and responses for Question 3**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>£500,000 One off Funding</b>	<b>£40,000 Annual Funding</b>
Improving broadband connection/ speed	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>
Restoring, improving and creating wildlife habitat areas	<b>38</b>	<b>34</b>
Apprenticeship schemes	<b>39</b>	<b>30</b>
Education and training individuals and local businesses	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Rural business grants/ loans	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>
Recreational improvements for residents and visitors	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>
Projects to improve the natural and cultural heritage of the area	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>
Repairing historic buildings	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>
Renewables energy projects in local schools	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>
Improving the energy efficiency of community buildings	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>
Projects to address fuel poverty	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
Improving rural transport	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>
Support for older people at risk of social isolation	<b>20</b>	<b>50</b>
Projects to occupy teenagers and young adults	<b>15</b>	<b>33</b>
Projects to support carers	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>
Projects to tackle debt and homelessness	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
Small grants to local community projects	<b>40</b>	<b>68</b>
Larger grants to fund more significant community projects	<b>41</b>	<b>20</b>
Other (please explain below)		

## QUESTION 4

Question 4 related to who respondents would like to see involved in decision making with regards to the annual £40,000 fund. This question did not relate to the one-off £500,000 fund as TKOWFL wanted to understand local priorities for this fund before considering how it would be administered. Over 50% of respondents identified they would like to see parish council and local resident representatives involved. 27% of respondents indicated they would like to see representatives of the Borough/ District councils and local voluntary organisations involved. 11% indicated that they would like to see a representative of TKOWFL involved and 5% indicated they would like County Council representatives involved. Please see Figure 4.1 below for a visual aid to the responses for Question 4.

**Figure 4.1: Results from Question 4**



## QUESTION 5

Question 5 gave respondents the opportunity to make any additional comments and suggestion on how the funds could be delivered.

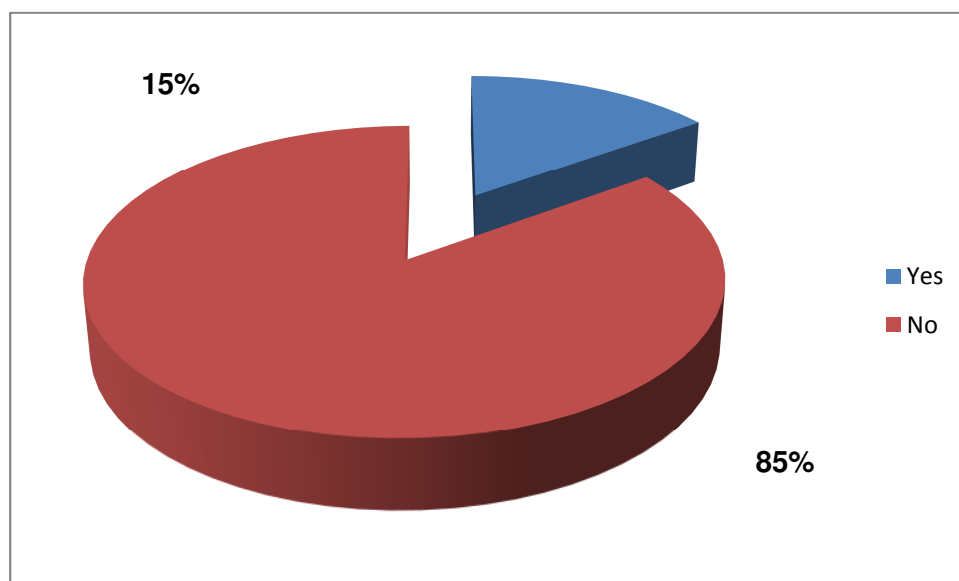
Some respondents provided other ideas for how funding could be delivered, these included:

- Using the funds for art trails and displays;
- Delivering funding through parish councils;
- Every local household being given an amount of money from the fund;
- Helping local small businesses to have wind turbines fitted.

## QUESTION 6

TKOWFL were also interested to know whether the views of respondents were personal or made on behalf of a group, organisation or business. A large majority of respondents (85%) said they did not represent a group, organisation or business. Groups and organisations that responded included; St Mary and The Holy Road Church in Donington, Freiston Playing Field Association and Polar Farm Caravan Park & Restaurant Ltd. Please see Figure 6.1 for a visual aid to the responses from Question 6.

**Figure 6.1: Results from Question 6**



## 6 NEXT STEPS

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All contact details provided as part of the consultation will be added to the TKOWFL mailing list to ensure they continue to receive updates in relation to the project and the community investment fund.

Any decisions taken on the administration of the funds, funding priorities and eligibility to benefit from the fund will take responses to the consultation into account.

Arrangements for the implementation of the Triton Knoll Community Investment Fund will progress after a consent order for the TKES has been granted and further discussions undertaken.

The one-off £500,000 fund will be made available during the construction period for the onshore works relating to TKOWF. The annual £40,000 fund will become available from the start of operations for the offshore wind farm.

## **APPENDIX 1 – COMMENT RESPONSES**

**Question 1: With regards to the one-off £500,000 funding, please indicate which areas you think should benefit from the funding.**

Respondent	Comment
CIFC-02	Just in community fund consultation area
CIFC-03	Only inside community consultation area
CIFC-04	Inside consultation area
CIFC-10	Donington is in South Holland District and should be consulted along with Donington Council
CIFC-21	Equally between all areas
CIFC-25	South Holland District Council area
CIFC-29	Donington comes under South Holland District Council and as we as a village are within the marked area we should be included in this grant
CIFC-31	Donington comes in South Holland council but the village is only about 3 miles from Bicke2
CIFC-38	All answers ticked
CIFC-44	As Donington belongs in South Holland, perhaps South Holland District Council should benefit in some way
CIFC-47	I strongly believe there should be a covenant to the Community Investment Fund that assures the residents closest to the disturbance of the project should see all of the benefit, thereby stopping councils from absorbing the funds into non associated budgets.
CIFC-48	None of the above. I am 100% against wind farms and solar energy developments. I thoroughly favour nuclear power from Thorium. This has to be the way forward in the future. I agree with fracking in remote wild areas far from habitation.
CIFC-49	East Lindsey District Council
CIFC-50	Only within Community Fund Consultation Areas - Sleaford, for example, has just past the Tesco Regeneration deal and we feel there would be a very real danger of them trying to divert funds there, plus their disappointing 'NCCD' already receives and awful lot of funding.
CIFC-52	South Holland District Council for Donington Bicker is Boston and

	Spalding
CIFC-55	Those areas and communities close to the above ground infrastructure
CIFC-58	Skegness area and surrounding
CIFC-66	South Holland District Council - that's the area I live in at Donington. As you send me the questionnaire to fill in it must affect us too.
CIFC-70	East Lindsey District Council
CIFC-72	East Lindsey District Council
CIFC-98	No funding should be given to any council re map 'A' (see response), it will not be spent in the local area! Funding should go directly to local people to decide on what projects will be beneficial for local people villages community.
CIFC-99	The village of Bicker and Bicker Fen. Why should areas that are not affected by the substation construction benefit?
CIFC-103	Individual parish councils within the defined area
CIFC-105	South Holland - Donington is in South Holland
CIFC-106	Ticked all boxes
CIFC-111	Parish councils in the affected area
CIFC-118	No answer
CIFC-119	Air ambulance/ emergency service
CIFC-120	Air ambulance
CIFC-121	Put towards capital spend on air ambulance
CIFC-128	No answer
CIFC-134	Also see answer to Q2, transport improvements for all areas to provide jobs - apprenticeships
CIFC-143	Lincolnshire Air Ambulance
CIFC-145	Should be for areas of Lincolnshire directly impacted - not the whole of Lincolnshire. Would not like to see councils administer the money as it is unlikely to be targeted to only areas affected by the wind farm development.
CIFC-146	NKDC is in this location



CIFC-149	NONE
CIFC-150	No answer
CIFC-156	Bicker area only
CIFC-160	Local charity which will invest locally. More and more public services are being centralised.
CIFC-162	Local community initiatives, a fund to which any group in catchment area can apply. For rural regeneration projects such as co-operative owned pubs, shops, post offices and other assets at the heart of rural communities.
CIFC-170	The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust considers that the areas that should benefit from the funding are those within a certain distance of the cable route or above ground infrastructure, rather than the entirety of Council administrative areas which would include areas where there would be no discernible impact from the development. The cable route is proposed to cut through two project target areas of the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes Project and it comes onshore and cuts through the Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park. The funding could therefore be used to forward the aims of these projects, for example the creation or enhancement of grazing marsh habitats, or improving access to enable residents and visitors to enjoy the natural and cultural heritage of the coast within the Coastal Country Park. There are currently discussions taking place through Lincolnshire County Council for the development of a Wild Coast project. This funding could potentially assist with the implementation of that project. There are therefore various opportunities to target the funding towards landscape scale projects within the vicinity of the development to maximise biodiversity benefits and to enhance access opportunities for visitors. Just to clarify, this funding should not be seen as mitigation for adverse impacts on habitats and species, such as those of the grazing marshes. Any mitigation or compensation required should be delivered as part of the project and this fund should deliver enhancements beyond that.
CIFC-171	Whilst I do not agree with onshore or offshore wind farms, being a county person born and bred, there has been enough desecration of the villages, if we have to have them any funding should go to the village communities within the proposed areas as the parish council share of the rates is minimal.
CIFC-181	East Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council

**Question 2: With regards to the annual £40,000 funding, we have indicated on the below maps the potential areas which could be eligible to benefit from this funding. Do you agree that these areas of benefit are appropriate?**

Respondent	Comment
CIFC-13	What about funding for the coastal areas where the cables are brought onshore?
CIFC-17	I would include the larger east coast areas with dense populations such as Skegness where the development can be seen from. This injection of funds would benefit the larger area than just the area circled
CIFC-31	Donington, again, comes nearer to Bicker Fen than any other village so suggest you cover us when the funding becomes available.
CIFC-47	Again, Anderby Creek, where you propose your landfall has been left out? No landfall site 'NO PROJECT'. Please ensure that the residents of Anderby Creek are looked after properly.
CIFC-73	Areas that are effected by any construction i.e. Bicker
CIFC-77	Area misses Anderby, Mumby and Hogsthorpe villages. Maybe shown elsewhere. The area shown benefits areas away from our land.
CIFC-98	Map 'B' (see response) area too large, area should be much smaller, map 'A' (see response) too large, see my outline. I:\RWE-INNOGY\PROJECTS-UK\OFFSHORE-DEVELOPMENT-UK\4-TRITON-KNOLL\TK007 Community & Economic Benefits\1. Community Investment Fund\04. Public Consultation\Responses
CIFC-99	I cannot speak for the Skegness area, but for the substation end, how about someone from head office get down there and view from some of the places that are included in the zone? Swineshead? Donington? Are you joking? Why not stretch it out and include Boston and Spalding..... Absolutely ridiculous bit of office zoning.
CIFC-100	The area of benefit should be increased to include deprived communities within (say 5 miles) of the installation. This would mean that those most in need benefit from a community fund. As it stands, the Bicker area already benefits from a wind farm trust and the other area is sparsely populated. It could prove difficult to allocate the funds in a meaningful way.
CIFC-104	Please also include the villages to the N/E - Anderby, Huttoft, Mumby and Hogsthorpe
CIFC-112	Heckington should not be included most of the residents won't see or be affected in any way. Same applies to Donington. Main beneficiaries should be Bicker. Burgh le Marsh should not be included they will not 'see' anything and not be affected after the cable laying is complete.

CIFC-113	Very few folks live in this actual circle. Hopefully areas to the NE will also be included
CIFC-119	Whole onshore cable route
CIFC-120	Should cover full length of cable route
CIFC-121	Should cover the area all along the onshore cable route
CIFC-124	Rather than have this money frittered away in small projects I would like to see the money used to develop sport and leisure facilities, both capital and revenue funding. This way all the people in the area would be able to benefit not just small sections of the community who have someone in their group who is good at writing grant applications. We strongly believe that money spend this way will not only enhance local communities but make a significant impact on community health and health and social care costs in the long term.
CIFC-125	Areas all down the line are affected and should benefit. In particular the Lincs Air Ambulance covers the whole length of the line and would benefit from a substantial annual contribution.
CIFC-130	Agree in principle, but some Councillors did question why Heckington is included when the circle drawn would otherwise quite neatly encompass the Parish of Great Hale?
CIFC-134	Improvement of coastal road and pavement between Anderby Creek and Chapel St Leonards and transport improvements for all the areas.
CIFC-143	Along the whole cable route
CIFC-149	NONE
CIFC-151	3km corridor either side of cable route over entire length
CIFC-155	Whole of Bicker Parish should be included. Remove Heckington from development area as it plays no part in proposal.
CIFC-156	Do not include Heckington - Dev, has no impact on village - Include all Bicker Parish

CIFC-170	<p>Similarly to question 1, the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust considers that the areas that should benefit from the funding are those within a certain distance of the cable route or above ground infrastructure, rather than just the area within the vicinity of the above ground infrastructure. Funding should not just be restricted to areas where there will be a long term visual impact. Whilst the cable route will not be visible within a period of time after installation the impacts on habitats and species will be longer lasting, for example impacts on important habitats such as grazing marsh. Funding should therefore be available to projects along the cable route such as the Lincolnshire Coastal Grazing Marshes Project, Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park and the Wild Coast project currently under discussion by Lincolnshire County Council and partners. As for the one-off funding, this annual funding should not be seen as mitigation for adverse impacts on habitats and species, such as those of the grazing marshes. Any mitigation or compensation required should be delivered as part of the project and this fund should deliver enhancements beyond that.</p>
CIFC-171	<p>Yes, the map does appear to cover the village areas which I have previously stated, for example, here in Swineshead, we need to repair the memorial plaque at the church which commemorates those who lost their lives in the Great War which under normal circumstances would place quite a burden on the parish council and indeed the local Royal British Legion where limited funds are available.</p>
CIFC-174	<p>Yes for the bottom map around Bicker. For the top map: could Ingoldmells, Chapel St Leonards and Hogsthorpe be included as there seems to be no large communities included.</p>

**Question 3: Please select your top 3 priorities for how the funding could be used to make a difference to your local community. (Please mark your 3 choices in the table below).**

Respondent	Comment
CIFC-18	Road maintenance
CIFC-28	All in the areas should be awarded - each household
CIFC-32	Road repairs and upgrading
CIFC-41	Voluntary grants - grants to hospices - McMillan etc.
CIFC-47	*especially churches
CIFC-60	Project to improve local business alternative energy's
CIFC-62	Arts Activities and Events
CIFC-65	Support Donington Library
CIFC-69	Village Green/ Play Area in Orby
CIFC-71	Village Green and Play Area in Orby
CIFC-83	Heckington Wind Mill
CIFC-88	Heckington Windmill
CIFC-89	Local Heritage Centre, churches and helping library services
CIFC-113	Heckington Windmill
CIFC-114	Road repairs
CIFC-123	See my earlier comments
CIFC-124	Air ambulance - benefit to whole area affected by cable line
CIFC-142	Air Ambulance
CIFC-144	Sports centre for Burgh le Marsh

CIFC-146	I am part of a group that is currently trying to save their local public house, Investment from funds such as this will help our community in Helpringham to purchase and run the Nags head as a community co-operative venture. Any organization that promotes social, recreational and cultural benefits to ALL members of rural communities is one that should receive funds. Be it nature reserves, help for costs of fuel and living and social groups all help to enhance people's lives and mental well-being.
CIFC-148	NONE
CIFC-159	Invest in the derelict Red Cow that is in the centre of Donington.
CIFC-167	In particular Save our Nags in Helpringham. We are setting up a Community Enterprise to keep the pub open and diversify into community projects
CIFC-170	Parking/ speed restriction signs.
CIFC-178	I would like to see the community fund invested in 2 areas; Local play areas; with the loss of WREN funding there are few sources of funds for village play areas, new or repairs yet these are expensive arts events such as village hall touring to help communities to provide more for themselves

**Question 4: Who would you like involved in decision making for the distribution of the annual £40,000 funding (you may select more than one answer)?**

Respondent	Comment
CIFC-04	I am not sure I have any confident in local politicians...a group made up of senior representatives from some of the groups listed above
CIFC-21	Someone with relevant legal experience to fully understand the consequences, financially and the impact of the decisions, no wastefulness on whims
CIFC-28	The decisions should be made public knowledge to all within the designated areas
CIFC-30	A representative from Donington
CIFC-46	I believe if the council get involved the money will be squandered and wasted.
CIFC-47	None of the above because their representatives will always follow their own choices, not those of the people they are supposed to be representing just like MPs do, regardless of party 'colour'
CIFC-66	Bodies who are already engaged in conservation and restoration
CIFC-67	Triton Knoll representatives should not be involved once the fund is made available
CIFC-70	Parish Council knows more than County representatives what is needed
CIFC-72	Council Tax rate reduction for property's in areas affected
CIFC-99	Whilst it is important to have a panel made up of local residents, along with advice from the local authority, this process should be overseen by an unbiased third party (as per Bicker Trust and The Grange Wind Farm Community Fund) to ensure probity and transparency.
CIFC-103	These elected groups should always be able to represent the area
CIFC-105	Must not just be left to the C.C. Reps, the rural areas are in desperate need of help re transport, isolation of old and young for taking part in community projects, shopping etc.
CIFC-110	A panel of all the ticked representatives above
CIFC-111	Nothing to do with County Council! or Boston
CIFC-142	Emergency services
CIFC-148	NO ONE
CIFC-180	Addlethorpe Parochial Church Council

**Question 5: If you would like to give us any further feedback or comments on how you think this funding could be delivered. Please do so below, or continue on additional paper.**

Respondent	Comments
CIFC-01	Bicker Fen is the outer limit of Boston Council, therefore it seems that South Holland council should have some say in the matter.
CIFC-02	Swineshead art trail and mosaics.
CIFC-03	Art displays around village
CIFC-04	Art trail and mosaics in village
CIFC-05	I want to make it clear that I opposed to the scheme full stop for many reasons. I think it is vital to get the views from as many residents as possible and not just from a few self-serving politicians and local councillors.
CIFC-08	Use for the best results for the community at large
CIFC-11	Some of we Lincolnshire folk are set in our ways and don't like change. Please keep fighting in my opinion wind farms are a good thing. Also tidal power, after all we are an island, we are always going to have tides.
CIFC-18	Publicity making local residents aware of funding available is important, this can best be achieved via local parish councils who are best placed to know local needs.
CIFC-21	Reducing fuel costs to everybody!
CIFC-22	Full consultations of projects so that other people who will be impacted are happy, not just the recipients
CIFC-25	Doesn't say how the money will be spent on, in section 2 would the 3 choices be considered or spend on something that is not relevant



CIFC-29	Every household should be given a slice of this funding - no matter the amount - because this project affects everyone within the outlined radius and no-one should be seen as being favoured all should be treated equally. As it is the population in this area who will have to put up with it (i.e. (£550,000)
CIFC-32	Carry on
CIFC-35	Community groups should be able to apply for funding to perhaps a central body such as Community Lincs in a similar way to Wren funding 3 or 4 times a year
CIFC-39	Question 3 poorly phrased. Does it mean 3 priorities to be picked in total or 3 from each table or column, i.e. six ticks in total??
CIFC-48	Scrap the whole project and idea. It is being pushed by big business only interested in furthering its (their) own wealth, and the sooner such enterprises fail or become prescribed and therefore illegal the better.
CIFC-49	As I live in Skegness I would like local area to benefit if possible
CIFC-50	We're sure there will be lots of suggestions for the community fund money to be spent on faster broadband, improved healthcare and education, all of which we would add our support to. However, there is we feel a unique gem within the consultation area, which doesn't get as much recognition from long standing residents as it could, despite being an active part of the community for 20 years and by increasing the profile of this particular venture, it could be wide-reaching positive benefits to the local area (and thus bring income from tourists and visitors).
CIFC-54	Key is to establish representative group of the area in focus to ensure clear understanding of need linking to facilities plans in place for area.
CIFC-55	Both the one off fund and the annual fund should be administered by organisations with no/ minimal costs - i.e. Parish representative NOT Lincolnshire County Council or District Councils

CIFC-59	Good luck with your projects! I fear you will only get comments from the scaremongers who read the Daily mail. We all want cheaper fuel prices but few people are prepared to accept changes or change their lifestyles.
CIFC-61	Will there be an opportunity to help local small businesses to have wind turbines fitted to help energy efficiency
CIFC-67	Large parts of this area are blighted by caravans, wind turbines, commercialism, poor planning etc. Something to counter this is needed - large scale tree- planting, parkland, hedging, landscaping, all with public access
CIFC-69	Funding should be wholly towards restoring and improving wildlife habitat ruined by these developments
CIFC-74	Council Tax rates reduction for properties in areas affected
CIFC-76	To be delivered in grant form to local community projects to be chosen on merit
CIFC-77	Please, not given to Local Res Reps or Voluntary Reps - this will for the long term, not groups who may disband in a few years
CIFC-80	Is there a possibility of providing some bus shelters in Donington? We use the buses regularly and regularly get wet! (only a thought)
CIFC-81	I don't think this money should be disappearing into the County pot. It should be decided by local councillors and voluntary groups by people who know the local area needs.
CIFC-83	Ensure local people are involved - not governments
CIFC-84	Heckington Windmill shows children and adults how wheat and barley was produced in the past and also the local history
CIFC-87	No further comments
CIFC-90	I just hope the councils use any money given on specific targets and not let it be swallowed up in their annual budget!
CIFC-92	Support to The Respite Association, a national carers charity activity based in Bicker

CIFC-93	I think that areas have benefitted from village halls and bring projects that have long term visible presence - from e.g. waste/tips. E.g. Leadenham Village Hall. This has given greater village focus and promised community cohesion. If we have to have this installation that we should benefit with such community projects.
CIFC-94	I don't like carrots, particularly financial ones like this. When you decide your cable route - offshore NOT onshore - then that can be the time to try and tempt people with monetary rewards.
CIFC-95	In my opinion wind farms or turbines are a complete waste of money, if it were not for the subsidy, I doubt any more would be built.
CIFC-96	I suggest that you stop trying to bribe people with funding for various things, instead put your money into burning household waste to produce electricity. We are sick of these ugly and unnecessary wind farms.
CIFC-97	Dedicated opponent of expensive inefficient green energy projects especially wind farms
CIFC-98	Individual payment to all households to help with energy costs.
CIFC-99	When it comes to funding, don't be fooled into thinking that the impact from the substation would be felt the same five miles away as opposed to living with it on the doorstep, because it wouldn't. The decision on who or what it is spent on should reflect that. It's an insult that someone who feels their property has been devalued and their lives ruined by your project is put on a parallel with someone else who lives five miles away and faces the other way. I would like to think that out of this monstrosity comes a little bit of common sense.
CIFC-102	Councils from Parish to County have their own agendas which often do not reflect the majority opinions of local residents or businesses. Any decision should be made by those directly affected.

CIFC-104	Please do not allow the money (if it happens) to be given to groups of people who may have disbanded in a few years. Who would audit them?
CIFC-112	By liaising with local parishes and people
CIFC-114	Heckington's unique 8-sail windmill and the adjoining buildings are undergoing a major refurbishment project at the moment to turn it into an international tourist attraction to benefit the local area. See website, heckingtonwindmill.org.uk.
CIFC-115	We live in the village of Bicker. There will be an increase of heavy traffic when you build this substation. You should, if you are successful, put all your efforts into making sure the roads are suitable and maintained so we do not have to clear up your mess and damage with our taxes!!!
CIFC-117	As money on completion of agreed tasks
CIFC-118	Volunteers at the windmill in Heckington are working very hard to bring the windmill and surrounding area and buildings back to their original state, once completed it will bring in lots of visitors and improve trade in this area
CIFC-121	This onshore cable is potentially an extreme hazard due to the relatively shallow depth of the cables. I hope the development does not take place but I feel any funding should go to the air ambulance and emergency services.
CIFC-122	I believe that it is important that all the areas identified gain by these payments, particularly the annual payment. The initiative section identified a number of praiseworthy ideas which will be attractive to many. I, however, take the view that we should all benefit and consequently believe that this can only be achieved by a % reduction in electric bills for all private customers in the areas. Adopting this approach would ensure that were not at whim of changing political parties and indeed what may be appropriate today may not in the future.

CIFC-123	Pedestrian and cycle bridge over South Fort Foot Drain between A52 & A17.
CIFC-124	There is an opportunity here for substantial investment in, with joint funding, to create a whole raft of sport and leisure activities that will help promote healthy living for all ages. This money should not be allowed to be frittered away on small projects that are only brought forward, by small self-serving groups, in a rush to spend the money each year before the time limit runs out. One off larger projects, will stop communities being damaged, when minority groups/organisations are perceived as getting an unfair advantage
CIFC-126	By working with bodies such as those connected with the sea e.g. Marine Conservation, Surfers Against Sewage etc.
CIFC-134	Transport link improvements would help young and old, plus added advantages to business.
CIFC-136	B1195 Great Steeping flood prevention dredging to Becks and River Steeping
CIFC-138	I would want people to point at 'something' and say that was as a result of wind technology. I do not want the £ to be wasted. Councils are the last place to be seen to redistribute monies. They will see it as a way of a grant to make up a short fall in council tax.
CIFC-140	as locally as possible
CIFC-141	Set up a specific group, to be hosted by Triton Knoll, with the sole purpose of administering the fund annually. The group would consider the proposals, monitor progress of the projects and sign off successfully completed projects. The group should be made up of volunteers from the local community i.e. those directly affected by the Sub Station
CIFC-147	I would be interested in all aspects of funding allocation and the processes involved for organisations wishing to receive funds.

CIFC-149	You are not listening. Go Away. Use your bribes towards taking cable route to Killingholme not destroy our valuable farmland.
CIFC-150	Because the area is made up of Fens & small villages, it is important to realise the old and younger generations need help with anything that gives stimulus and variety without relying on the car to get their entertainment in the towns.
CIFC-157	If you want the funding to be useful keep the councils out and let the people decide.
CIFC-159	Regular support for Heckington Windmill Trust (charity) to facilitate local community education, study and enjoyment.
CIFC-160	I would like to see investment in the Red Cow in the centre of Donington. This could be a fantastic resource for community.
CIFC-161	The scheme relates to energy provision and therefore any community benefit should be in the same. Improving energy efficiency in homes across the area will provide long term assistance to those suffering from fuel poverty and will improve the health, well-being and financial situation of residents who will then be able to spend surplus funds in the local economy.
CIFC-162	We need investment in local business by the funding of community owned co-operatives as this is the only way the future of some of our local assets can be maintained.
CIFC-166	Some of the villages are losing some services due to either funding or financial shortfall so funding by the Project you are running would be greatly welcomed so as to keep communities and their meeting places alive and thriving.
CIFC-170	Where we have ticked 'Recreational improvements for residents and visitors' in Section 2 this relates to recreational improvements to complement the rural nature of the project area, for example, footpath improvements or the installation of bird hides.

CIFC-172	The funding should be delivered with close consultation with communities that are in direct or very close proximity of the infrastructure that is developed relating to the Triton Knoll project.
CIFC-174	Larger grants for significant community projects could include recreational improvements and energy projects for community buildings. School projects need to be effective - as a teacher I have seen these be ineffective in the past. Provide concrete projects e.g. solar panels, sub light tubing i.e. energy installations
CIFC-183	Firstly, the 'Questionnaire Response Summary' is a total fake as the number of responding are not stated. These numbers are tiny because the vast majority of residents wish to STOP this shocking project. Secondly, this sinister and shocking attempt at bribery is disgusting. You cannot make the unacceptable acceptable by bribing residents with their own money. I hope that the police will become involved.
CIFC -186	Why are we investing so much. I presume because it is going to create jobs in the short term. I wonder what will happen in the long term? Where could we form another imperative community?

**Question 6/7: Do you represent a group, organisation or business? Please provide the name of the group, organisation or business that you represent.**

Respondent	Comment
CIFC-31	St Mary and The Holy Road Church, Donington
CIFC-35	Freiston Playing Field Association
CIFC-54	Rotary Club of Skegness
CIFC-57	The Chestnuts Holiday Cottages
CIFC-61	Polar Farm Caravan Park & Restaurant Ltd
CIFC-76	Trustee, Hale Magna Village Hall
CIFC-92	The Respite Association
CIFC-100	Lincolnshire Community Foundation
CIFC-110	Truckmasters Handling Ltd
CIFC-113	Farmers in the area
CIFC-124	Bilsby and Farlesthorpe Parish Council
CIFC-125	E.A.Dring (Farms) Ltd
CIFC-126	Marine Conservation Society
CIFC-127	Burgh Community Debt Advice Centre
CIFC-130	Little Hale Parish Council - but please note that not all responses are derived from discussions at Parish Council meetings.
CIFC-139	New Horizons Bereavement Group, Skegness
CIFC-142	Helpringham Parish Council
CIFC-147	Save our Nags.
CIFC-152	Association of Lincs Senior Fora; North Kesteven Senior Forum, St Andrews Primary School, Heckington
CIFC-159	Heckington Windmill
CIFC-162	Save Our Nags - Helpringham Community Enterprises
CIFC-168	Helpringham community enterprises, trading as Save Our Nags
CIFC-170	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
CIFC-175	Heckington Community Swimming Pool
CIFC-178	East Coast Gymnastics
CIFC-181	Addlethorpe Parochial Church Council
CIFC-183	Residents of the Bicker area (over 90%)



