RES believes in meaningful and productive consultation, and we aim to engage early with the local community and key stakeholders to facilitate constructive consultation. This helps to identify issues and concerns, as well as benefits and opportunities, which we can then consider when developing the design of the proposal.

Feedback from the local community is important at this stage of our pre-application consultation when it can have a direct influence on the final design of the project, and we would be grateful if you could take the time to fill out this comment form with your feedback.

Please provide feedback by **Saturday 17 May 2025**. Comments will still be accepted after this date but may not be considered in relation to the design development.

*Please note that comments submitted to RES at this time are not representations to the determining authority (Mid and East Antrim Borough Council). There will be an opportunity to submit representations to the determining authority should an application be made.*

**1 Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System Public Exhibition**

1.1 How did you find out about our public exhibition?

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|  | Newsletter through the door |
|  |  |
|  | Advert in local newspaper |
|  |  |
|  | Project website – www.ballyross-energystorage.co.uk  |
|  |  |
|  | Word of mouth |
|  |  |
|  | Other (please specify) |
|  |  |
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1.2 Before visiting the exhibition how would you describe your knowledge of the proposed Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Knew a lot |
|  |  |
|  | Knew quite a lot |
|  |  |
|  | Knew a little |
|  |  |
|  | Knew very little |
|  |  |
|  | Knew nothing at all |

1.3 Having visited the exhibition, to what extent do you feel you have increased your understanding of the proposed Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | A lot |
|  |  |
|  | Quite a lot |
|  |  |
|  | A little |
|  |  |
|  | Very little |
|  |  |
|  | Not at all |

1.4 Do you have any suggestions for ways in which we could have improved our exhibition?

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**2 Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System Proposal**

Your views on the Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System proposal – particularly the preliminary layout of the project where people’s comments can have a direct influence – will be considered in relation to the design development of the project.

2.1 How do you feel in general about the revised Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System proposal?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I am supportive |
|  |  |
|  | I am neutral  |
|  |  |
|  | I am opposed |
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|  Further comments: |
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2.2 What do you think about the revised layout of the Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I am happy with the proposed layout |
|  |  |
|  | I am neutral towards the proposed layout |
|  |  |
|  | I have concerns about the proposed layout (please provide further details below) |
|  |  |
|  | I don’t like battery energy storage systems in general |

 Further comments:

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2.3 Please provide us with any further suggestions or comments regarding the revised Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System.

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**3 Local Benefits**

3.1 RES believe our projects should deliver meaningful local benefit.

We welcome feedback and ideas for local benefits and priority projects that you would like to see supported or delivered in your community from the Ballyross Battery Energy Storage System, should it receive consent.

At our public exhibition in January 2025, we received a number of suggestions which have been listed below. To help us better understand how Ballyross could support the local area and deliver benefits aligned with the communities’ priorities, please rate the below suggestions by their importance to you (with 1 being of the highest importance and 6 being of the lowest importance):

|  |  |  |
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| Grants for start-up and local small businesses   |   |   |
| Children’s play park  |   |   |
| Funding for community facilities  |   |   |
| Another defibrillator for the village  |   |   |
| Footpath improvements   |   |   |
| Supporting young & small businesses   |   |   |

If you have any suggestions for other such benefits the project may be able to support, please let us know in the box below.

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**4 Climate Change, Energy Security and Renewables**

*The below section is optional and designed to help us understand people’s thoughts on how renewables can help to tackle climate change and improve energy security.*

4.1 Do you agree or disagree that we are facing a global climate change emergency?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I strongly agree |
|  |  |
|  | I agree |
|  |  |
|  | I don’t know |
|  |  |
|  | I disagree |
|  |  |
|  | I strongly disagree |

 Further comments:

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4.2 Do you agree or disagree that generating electricity from renewable sources, and reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, can help towards tackling the issue of climate change?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|   | I strongly agree |
|  |  |
|  | I agree |
|  |  |
|  | I don’t know |
|  |  |
|  | I disagree |
|  |  |
|  | I strongly disagree |

 Further comments:

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4.3 Do you agree or disagree that generating electricity from renewable sources will provide greater energy independence and security for Northern Ireland?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I strongly agree |
|  |  |
|  | I agree |
|  |  |
|  | I don’t know |
|  |  |
|  | I disagree |
|  |  |
|  | I strongly disagree |

 Further comments:

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4.4 Do you agree or disagree that we need to develop energy storage projects to create a more stable and secure electricity system, supporting the rollout of zero carbon energy?

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | I strongly agree |
|  |  |
|  | I agree |
|  |  |
|  | I don’t know |
|  |  |
|  | I disagree |
|  |  |
|  | I strongly disagree |

 Further comments:

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**5 Your details**

Please provide your name and contact details below in order to authenticate this comments form. Providing this information gives context to your feedback, facilitates a better understanding of community views and priorities, and enables us to respond to any questions raised. However, if you are not comfortable providing us with your full contact details, please include your postcode as a minimum.

*Your contact details will be treated by RES with the strictest of confidence, in line with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. We may at times share your contact details, in confidence, with third parties who we employ to help process your comments or update you on the project and by providing your details below you consent to this. You may write to RES at any time to ask that your contact details be removed from our records and from any third parties we work with.*

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| --- | --- |
| Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Address |  |
| Postcode\* |  |

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| If you would like to be kept up to date with the project, please tick this box  |  |  |

Once completed, comment forms can be sent by email to carey.green@res-group.com or by post to RES, Willowbank Business Park, Millbrook, Larne, Co. Antrim, BT40 2SF

Thank you for taking the time to complete this comment form, your feedback is important to us.