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| **TITLE** | **Consultation on renewable energy rates support – summary of responses** |
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Today, I am publishing the summary of responses to the recent consultation on proposed non-domestic rates support for renewable energy in Wales. The consultation ran for 12 weeks from 23 May until 15 August 2023.

Respondents to the consultation were generally in favour of the proposals and provided a range of comments. I am grateful for the detailed and considered responses from stakeholders. These will help to ensure that the proposals meet the policy intention to support business and other ratepayers in the transition away from the use of fossil fuels and the decarbonisation of heat.

The Welsh Government will bring forward the secondary legislation required to provide heat networks relief and exceptions from rating for onsite renewable plant and machinery, as outlined in the consultation. It remains our intention that regulations will come into effect from 1 April 2024. The provision of heat networks relief is subject to the passage through its final stages in Parliament of the UK Government’s Non-Domestic Rating Bill, which will introduce the provisions under which the relief will be provided.

The summary of responses is available at: [Renewable energy rates support](https://www.gov.wales/renewable-energy-rates-support)