

Near Neighbour Fund Terms & Conditions

By submitting your application to the near neighbour Community Benefit Fund, you acknowledge and agree to the following terms and conditions.

- You satisfy the eligibility criteria for the near neighbour payment.
- The eligible distance is defined as 1km from the base of the nearest turbine to the boundary of the eligible residence.
- You are 18 years of age or older.
- You have provided accurate and honest information, both verbally and in writing, throughout all stages of the application and selection process.
- You can only receive one near neighbour payment from the Yellow River Community Benefit Fund per year.
- All near neighbour payments are subject to income tax as applicable in accordance with existing tax law and may impact social welfare thresholds. It is the responsibility of the individual receiving the near neighbour payment to declare their near neighbour payment as appropriate.
- You are not obliged to accept any near neighbour grant offer. If you choose not to accept a near neighbour grant offer, any liability in relation to the grant offer will cease thereafter, and any related grant payment will not accrue to you and cannot be paid out retrospectively. If an eligible resident decides not to apply for or accept a near neighbour payment in any year, it does not preclude them from applying for or accepting a near neighbour payment in another year.
- Payments not accepted will be returned to the overall community fund and will become available for redistribution to community projects.
- SSE will use the information you give us to manage near neighbour payments for the Yellow River Community Benefit Fund. Please read our [Privacy Notice](#).
- By accepting this grant offer, you confirm that you have read and accepted the fund guidelines and these terms and conditions. SSE reserves the right to disqualify any entries which do not comply with the Fund Guidelines and Terms and Conditions.
- In the event that circumstances beyond the reasonable control of SSE affect, or could affect, the proper operation of this fund, SSE reserves the right to cancel or amend the fund or these terms and conditions at any time but will make every effort to avoid causing undue disappointment to applicants where such action is deemed necessary.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a near neighbour payment the applicant must satisfy the following conditions.

- Be living within a 1km radius from the base of the nearest wind turbine that forms part of the wind farm to the nearest part of the structure of the occupied residence (not outbuildings etc), the location of which is identified in the An Post national address register.
- The property must have been the applicant's principal private residence (if owned) or primary residence (if rented). In a situation where the residence is rented, the tenant rather than the owner will receive the payment.
- The near neighbour should be a nominated adult resident within the household. In a shared rental situation, the tenants should nominate one from among them.
- Households who are landowners in receipt of lease payments connected to the wind farm are not eligible for near neighbour payments.
- Households in receipt of easement agreements connected to the wind farm are eligible for near neighbour payments.
- Holiday homeowners are not classified as near neighbours as the payment is based on the principle of one payment per occupied dwelling, on a principal residence (owner) or primary residence (tenant) basis.