Public Consultation

As set out in the Progress Review, a new Action Plan will now be developed setting out a range of clear, timebound actions that will continue the work done to date under the Strategy. These actions will be supplemented with new measures where appropriate and will be aimed at tackling energy poverty with suitable governance and evaluation.

To assist and inform the development of the Plan we are now inviting stakeholders to respond to a number of questions set out below. DECC will consider all responses received in the development of the new Energy Poverty Action Plan.

How to Respond

The public consultation process will run until 5 September 2022. Responses must be received in full by DECC no later than 5:30 pm on that date.

Responding to questions

Anyone making a submission should send responses:

- by email to Energy.Efficiency@decc.gov.ie, with the subject line ‘Energy Poverty Consultation’
- or by post to:

  Energy Poverty Action Plan Consultation,
  Residential Energy Efficiency Division,
  Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications,
  29-31 Adelaide Road,
  Dublin 2 D02X285.

Respondents should consider the questions included below when submitting a response, but it is not necessary to provide responses to all questions. Respondents are asked where relevant, to supplement your responses with information, evidence and/or analysis. We further ask that responses are in a Word document.

If you have any queries on how to respond please contact Energy.Efficiency@decc.gov.ie

Confidentiality and Data Protection

We are committed to engaging with stakeholders in a clear, open and transparent manner. Any person or organisation can make a submission in relation to this consultation. All submissions and feedback will be considered before the final version of the Energy Poverty Action Plan is published.
Please note that responses to this consultation are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI), Access to Information on the Environment Regulations 2007-2018 (AIE) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Please also note that we intend to publish the contents of all submissions received to our consultations on our website. We will redact personal data prior to publication. In responding to this consultation, parties should clearly indicate where their responses contain personal information, commercially sensitive information, or confidential information which they would not wish to be released under FOI, AIE or otherwise published.

We would like to draw your attention to our Data Protection notice and statement¹ which explains how and when we collect personal data, why we do so and how we treat this information. It also explains your rights in relation to the collection of personal information and how you can exercise those rights.

**Consultation Next Steps**

It is intended that the Plan will be published in the Autumn following this consultation period.

It is the Department’s intention to continue working with stakeholders throughout the coming months to ensure winter-readiness for households at risk of energy poverty.

¹ [https://www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/dfd02-data-protection/]
Consultation Questions

**Q1.** What further action could be taken to alleviate energy poverty through home energy upgrades?
Please provide any relevant analysis or research to support your suggestions.

**Q2.** What further action could be taken to alleviate energy poverty in the rental sector?
Please provide any relevant analysis or research to support your suggestions.

**Q3.** In the areas of energy prices, meeting the cost of energy and consumer protection, what further action could be taken to alleviate energy poverty?
Please provide any relevant analysis or research to support your suggestions.

**Q4.** In the area of governance, research, measurement and evidence, what further action could be taken to alleviate energy poverty?
Please provide any relevant analysis or research to support your suggestions.

**Q5.** Please also provide any additional relevant information or views that you would like to submit.