Gresham House
Specialist investment

Energy Transition

Sustainable Investment Policy

Meeting our Sustainable Investment commitments within our Energy Transition strategy

Gresham House has a clear commitment to sustainable investment as an integral part of its business mission. The purpose of this document is to set out the manner in which the commitments we have made at a group level to integrate Environment, Social, Governance (ESG) considerations throughout our business will be implemented within our Energy Transition investment strategy.

Our Energy Transition investments are focused on three technologies: Wind, Solar and Battery Energy Storage. The strategy supports the shift from a world powered by finite resources to a new energy world powered by renewables in what is a rapidly changing energy landscape.

- We take steps to consult and understand the views, concerns and ambitions of our stakeholders in seeking sustainable outcomes from the investments we are involved in.
  - We include sustainable investing as an agenda item on a periodic basis in meetings with clients.
- We integrate Environmental, Governance, Social and Economic benefit considerations into our selection, evaluation, governance and engagement processes across the lifecycle of each investment.
  - Our Energy Transition investment strategy aligns with national and international goals to decarbonise energy generation and supports the move to a low-carbon economy as a transition to a net-zero scenario. It also supports local and national resilience in energy supply.
  - Our investments in assets are long term and, where possible, we improve the value and lifespan of assets though extension of permissions and licences and the adoption of technology that increases and/or optimises renewable energy output without materially increasing land use or environmental impact.
  - We participate in community-led initiatives in order to contribute towards the local economy, help to improve biodiversity, and keep an open forum of communication with community stakeholders.
- We drive rigour and consistency by applying our sustainable investment framework and system, including clearly defined processes and expert tools and methods.
  - We have a clear understanding of the sensitivities, issues and opportunities to be managed across the investments in our portfolio and have a process to profile and prioritise these at the stages of the investment lifecycle where they are most relevant. Our sustainable investment framework (see next page) is used to structure our processes for completeness and consistency.
  - We screen all assets prior to acquisition using our proprietary ESG Decision Tool to ensure ESG considerations - both risks and opportunities - are fully assessed prior to investment. Where we decide to proceed with the investment, material ESG factors identified will be addressed as part of the management plan.
- We ensure our team understands the imperative for effective ESG management and is empowered and equipped to carry this out through management support and training.



- Our team has significant expertise across the renewable energy investment cycle, spanning pre-construction requirements, construction phase, operation and wider marketplace impact, including regulation, legislation and policy change. We will continue to invest in developing our understanding, expertise and good practice in sustainable energy asset selection and management.
- Prior to investment, we will review and take heed of the environmental aspects of an asset, in particular the Environmental Impact Assessment where relevant, and any other technical studies required to gain planning permission, as well as the process for public consultation. Opportunities for enhancing the environmental benefits and minimising the environmental impact of projects is often assessed as part of this process, through Habitat Management Plans and in line with planning requirements. If done, this analysis will form part of our investment decision making, alongside other due diligence reports.
- Prior to investment and as part of ongoing asset management, we also consider the social impacts of our assets including supply chain risks and opportunities and engagement with stakeholders such as local communities. The safety of employees and contractors is of paramount importance for all our assets and is a key focus for ongoing management and monitoring. We will act to minimise any social risks and ensure compliance with relevant policies.
- We retain long-standing trusted advisers who understand our commitments and needs and help us to deliver our goals, whilst maintaining our assets, and ultimately our long-term investment.

- We conduct regular monitoring of ESG risks, opportunities and performance in our investments and over time will prepare comparative data analysis for reporting to our investors.
  - We will re-assess our ESG risk, opportunity and performance profiling periodically and will report this to the Sustainability Executive Committee for analysis and action as necessary.
  - We actively monitor and assess key data related to sustainable energy generation and the wider sustainability performance of the assets we manage. In turn, we use these to review our contribution to sustainable development, particularly meeting the challenge of climate change and relevant Sustainable Development Goals.
  - Regular auditing will be carried out by the Sustainable Investment Team to ensure ESG processes applied by investment teams meet those laid out in this document and remain appropriate.

- We conduct our business activities in line with the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), including an annual report of our progress towards implementation.
  - As signatories to the PRI we will complete comprehensive annual reporting within its required framework and use this to guide our own internal assessment of our performance and to drive our results upwards.
  - We will continue to provide and promote renewable energy investments as a sound and accessible sustainable investment options to a wide range of investors.

Group Management commitment

Our senior management team, including the Board and the Group Management Committee, are committed to the implementation of this policy and to making appropriate resources and support available to our team to do so. We will conduct a regular review of our approach and how well we are meeting our commitments and update this policy accordingly.

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

Gresham House supports the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Taking the wider portfolio into account, we believe our Energy Transition strategy contributes to the following UN Sustainable Development Goals:









Sustainable Investment Framework application

Our thematic framework is used to structure analysis, monitoring and reporting of ESG issues and opportunities within the lifecycle of our Energy Transition investments as an aid to more consistent integration. We use expert tools to profile our prospective investments to identify the most material themes within the broader framework and where we believe we should be directing our focus towards more sustainable outcomes:

Environmental

Climate change and pollution	Natural capital	Waste management
Optimal contribution to low carbon energy generation in the UK	Visual impact and biodiversity management	Waste reduction and sustainable management of waste in construction, operation and decommissioning

Social

Employment, health, safety and well-being	Marketplace responsibility	Supply chain sustainability	Community care and engagement
First class H&S system; site safety policy	Maximum uptime and minimal local disruption	Robust policy relating to materials impact, quality and ethics	Good practice consultation; local investment strategy

Governance

Governance and ethics	Risk and compliance	Commitment to sustainability
Governance good practice; strong business ethics management and culture	Robust risk and compliance management	Continuing enhancement of the portfolio and its impacts

About Gresham House

Gresham House is a quoted specialist asset manager providing funds, direct investments and tailored investment solutions, including co-investment, across a range of differentiated alternative investment strategies.

Our expertise includes forestry, renewable energy, real estate, sustainable infrastructure, strategic public and private equity. The Group aims to deliver sustainable financial returns and is committed to building long-term partnerships with clients (institutions, family offices, high-net-worth individuals, charities and endowments) to help them achieve their financial goals.

As a signatory to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment, Gresham House is committed to operating responsibly and sustainably and believes that taking the long view in delivering sustainable investment solutions will continue to be a growing factor in the strength of our market positioning.

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