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**IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ AND RESPOND  
YOUR FINANCIAL RETURN IN WESTMILL SOLAR DEPENDS ON THE ACTION YOU TAKE**

Dear Member,

At our AGM on 22 June, members approved proposals to change Westmill Solar’s capital structure. These changes involve a planned reduction in the financial return on your shares below the levels referenced in our 2012 share offer document, reflecting the feedback of members received to date. This letter provides a final opportunity for feedback on the proposals before they are finalised. It also outlines the action you will need to take if you wish to limit the impact on your financial return, by exchanging some of your existing Westmill Solar shares for a new founders’ bond.

In summary, the proposals envisage:

- reducing the target annual interest payable on members’ shares from the current 12% to 8% as from the financial year starting 1 January 2025. This will enable Westmill Solar to retain more of its future surpluses to collectively ‘do more’ and to bring in new members; and
- offering members the opportunity to exchange up to 50% of their shares for a new 10-year ‘founders’ bond’. This bond will offer an annual interest rate of 12%.

Detailed information is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/5bepjv2e> **If you are not up-to-speed with the proposals, I urge you to read this information without delay.**

The proposals reflect the range of responses received to our member questionnaire last December. The bond will not be issued automatically, and members will have to choose to apply for the bond if they wish to take advantage of it. If you are satisfied with the revised target annual interest rate of 8% on your shares, you will not need to take any further action.

However, the founders’ bond should enable existing members to maintain an overall targeted annual financial return above 8%. The bond may therefore be attractive to members. **Formal documentation will be circulated (via e-mail as far as possible) either in October/November 2024 or early in 2025** depending

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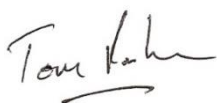
on various matters, including progress with our new loan to replace the existing loan from LPPI. **Those members who wish to do so will then have around a month to apply for the bond.**

At this stage, we wish to gauge likely demand for the bond and to ensure we have up-to-date contact details to manage the process effectively. So, especially if you have any feedback on the proposals or contemplate making an application for the founders' bond, **please complete the response form by 28 September 2024** - either via the online member portal at <https://tinyurl.com/575mw2jy> or by using the enclosed form and freepost envelope.

**A note for 2019 Bondholders:** Your 2019 bonds are due to mature on 31 December 2024. These bonds are separate from the founders' bond. Ethex will be contacting bondholders in October 2024 with further information and actions to be taken regarding the repayment of your bond or 'rolling over' this bond into a new 5-year bond on similar terms. Please be sure to keep an eye out for communications on this from Ethex via your Ethex account.

If you encounter any difficulties with this process, please e-mail us at [info@westmillsolar.coop](mailto:info@westmillsolar.coop).

Thank you for your responses and continuing support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Parkinson', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Tom Parkinson  
Chair