

MP calls for satellite site for GB Energy to come to Leith

Tracy Gilbert MP has called for the GB Energy Satellite Site due to be located in Edinburgh to be based in Leith.

The UK Labour Government was elected on a manifesto to establish Great British Energy, a publicly-owned energy generation company. Last month, the Prime Minister announced that GB Energy would be headquartered in Aberdeen with two satellite sites – one based in Edinburgh and another in Glasgow.

GB Energy is one of the key ways the UK Labour Government is decarbonising the economy while ensuring energy security and lower energy bills in the long term.

Today in the House of Commons, the Edinburgh North and Leith MP called for the Edinburgh site to be located in Leith due to growing renewables sector that has already developed in the area. [Watch the interaction in the House of Commons here.](#)

In the House of Commons, Ms Gilbert asked, “Can I welcome the actions outlined by my right honourable friend. In particular, I would like to welcome the announcement over the conference recess that GB Energy will be headquartered in Aberdeen with satellite sites in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Can my right honourable friend outline the role he expects the satellite sites will have and given the investment already

underway at the Port of Leith, the number of renewables companies already based in Leith and the potential for supply chains and manufacturing nearby will he consider locating the Edinburgh site in Leith.”

Afterwards Ms Gilbert said: “The transition to renewables is already taking place across Edinburgh and Leith, from the multi-million pound investment at the Port of Leith to support renewable infrastructure as part of the Forth Green Freeport deal. Alongside the number of renewables companies and manufacturers based locally and with the proximity to research and academic Leith is the ideal place for a GBE satellite site.

“I look forward to working with stakeholders in Leith to make the case for Leith to be chosen as the location for the GBE satellite site.”



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Scottish Labour leader Anas Sarwar took to the campaign trail to support Scottish Labour candidate for Edinburgh North and Leith, Tracy Gilbert, just off Leith Walk Edinburgh.

Picture Alan Simpson