

Expert Witness Template

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What is your passion / specialism / position on solutions to the climate crisis?

Paul Gibson is the owner of Gibson Specialist Technical Services who have been providing a range of technical disciplines to Welsh housing associations and councils for over 40 years.

Employing over 30 engineers we are now heavily focused on designing and installing energy efficiency measures such as solar PV, battery storage, external wall insulation, heat pumps etc.

We have been one of 68 partners (including 26 registered social landlords) who have been successful in securing funding to develop and install Welsh Government's new Optimised Retrofit Programme which aims to decarbonise all Welsh homes by 2050 by installing targeted energy efficiency measures.

The scheme recognises a lack of skills in the small business' of Wales and will seek to upskill local companies so that they benefit from the income generated and that the income will help to support local communities.



Cynulliad Hinsawdd
Climate Assembly

Thinking about critics and/or alternative views to that which you have put forward above – what would others say about your perspective and idea?

Again – bullet point the critics position – this is an opportunity for you to pre-empt what other perspectives the group might have over the course of the assembly

Is this another example of government “throwing money at a problem”?

Is the funding short term or are government committing to the investment on a long term basis?

How do small or medium sized local business’ become involved?

Use this final part of your presentation to help Assembly members better understand your position in relation to others and what that means for addressing the question that they have been set.

Gibson Specialist Technical Services have worked primarily for Welsh housing associations and council landlords and have helped to deliver large Welsh Government funded projects such as Arbed 2 – installing energy efficiency measures in areas of fuel poverty.

In Arbed 2 we were tasked with working with other local Welsh SMEs ((Small Medium Enterprises) and to deliver the project by sharing best practice. The contract was such a success that we were awarded the Welsh National Collaborative Procurement Award. We intend to carry out a similar role in helping smaller local firms to become involved and deliver the Optimised Retrofit Programme.