



HOUSE OF COMMONS

3rd March 2020

Dear local resident,

Thank you to those who have contacted me about onshore wind farms.

It is right that clean growth has been placed at the heart of the new Industrial Strategy which aims to cut emissions while keeping costs down for consumers, create high value jobs and to grow the economy. You can read this strategy here:

www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/the-uks-industrial-strategy

The development of renewable energy is already a tremendous UK success story and, thanks to significant investment and support, renewable capacity has quadrupled in the past decade. In 2018, a third of our electricity generation came from renewable sources and the Government has sent clear signals to investors and businesses that our country is transitioning to a low-carbon economy.

However, the Government does not believe that more large-scale onshore wind power is right for England at this time. While onshore wind farms play an important role in supporting our renewable needs, they often fail to win public support. Therefore, it is right that more power has been given to local communities on where wind farms can be built, with the final say resting locally. That said, established technologies such as onshore wind are reducing in cost and, if this continues, it may have the capacity to play a significant role in the UK's generation mix going forward.

Ultimately, support must be focused on technologies where it is most needed, which is why the Government announced in the Clean Growth Strategy that it would make up to £557 million of annual funding available for less established technologies including onshore wind projects on remote islands that directly benefit local communities. You can read this strategy here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-growth-strategy

I hope that this information is helpful. If you have any further concerns about this, or any other issues, please do get back in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Hunt'.

Jane Hunt MP