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Dear Jo,

Thank you for contacting me about the Local Electricity Bill.

As you will be aware, The Local Electricity Bill, is a Private Members Bill introduced by Peter Aldous MP. The Bill has had its First Reading in the House of Commons. Its Second Reading is scheduled for 29 January 2021.

Whilst I understand it has cross-party support, it is not a Government Bill, and has not currently received Government support. Further details about the Bill and its related documents can be found here:

<https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2019-21/localelectricity.html>

For further information about the nature of the proposals within the Bill, you may want to contact the Bill's sponsor at [peter.aldous.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:peter.aldous.mp@parliament.uk). I would of course be very happy to write to him to refer your queries if that would be helpful.

As the Local Electricity Bill highlights, it is important that there is community and individual control over energy supplies. The Government recognises the importance of this and, you will be aware, it has introduced the Local Energy Programme which supports local actors, community groups, local authorities and combined authorities to develop their own energy strategies and deliver their own energy programmes. More information regarding this and the support that is available from BEIS can be found through <https://hub.communityenergyengland.org/resources/BEIS-Local-Energy-Team/>.

The Government is also supporting the abilities of small scale actors to become clean energy supplies through the Smart Export Guarantee which gives small-scale low-carbon electricity generators, such as homes or community centres with solar panels, the right to be paid by certain electricity suppliers for the renewable electricity they export to the grid.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me about the backbench Local Electricity Bill led by Peter Aldous MP. I will continue to follow its developments closely. If the District Council comes to a final position on the Bill, I would of course be grateful to hear its view.

Yours sincerely,

Lucy Frazer QC MP