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## **WIND FARMS**

Thank you for your letter of 13 July to Bob Neill MP, highlighting local residents' concerns about proposals for wind farms and asking how planning guidance may change to give greater local accountability and power. Your letter has been passed to me as this matter falls within my Ministerial responsibilities.

Since you wrote to Bob we have discussed the issues raised by wind farm developments and I am grateful to you for setting out so clearly the concerns local residents have raised. I hope I reassured you on our determination to radically reform the planning system to give local communities far more ability to determine the shape of the places where they live. We have already made big strides through scrapping regional strategies and their renewable energy targets.

We also touched on the Annual Energy Statement Chris Huhne had just presented to the House. This sets out the steps being taken to deliver the energy system this country urgently needs if we are to have affordable, secure and low-carbon energy in the future. Chris and his team will be able to help you with questions about why we need onshore wind energy and its expected contribution to energy security and tackling carbon emissions.

*Yours sincerely*  


**GREG CLARK MP**