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Dear Cllr Thomas,

Thank you for your letter of 23 July to the Secretary of State about extending powers and funding to Local Authorities (LAs) in order to deliver our transition to net zero. I am responding as this matter falls under my Ministerial portfolio.

The Government recognises the importance of LAs in driving action on our mission for clean power by 2030, as we accelerate to net zero. Many have already made significant progress on delivering net zero projects and programmes.

Central Government supports LAs to develop net zero projects and attract commercial investment through the Local Net Zero Hubs programme. The Government has also provided £19m for a Local Net Zero Accelerator programme to unleash the potential of local Government to attract private sector investment for clean growth.

Through Great British Energy, we will speed up the deployment of new, clean energy projects and ensure skilled, good, jobs and opportunities are created across the UK. This includes work through the Local Power Plan (LPP) to support the roll out of small and medium-scale renewable power projects. The LPP puts LAs, communities, and local stakeholders at the heart of the energy transition, giving them a stake in the transition to net zero. We want to ensure energy projects deliver great social outcomes, and that local communities directly benefit from them.

Yours ever,

**KERRY MCCARTHY MP**  
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