



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about onshore wind farms.

I am pleased 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.

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.

The Government does not believe that more large-scale onshore wind power is right for England at this time. While wind plays an important role in supporting our renewable needs, it is important to appreciate that they often fail to win public support. That is why I agree 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.

I'm told established technologies such as onshore wind are reducing in cost: however for years the onshore industry has said it does not need subsidy to operate, whereas other technologies do.

Ultimately, it is right that support should 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.



Thank you again for taking time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris".

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP**  
**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY**