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Re: British Energy Security Strategy

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your letter of the 9th May in response to ours of the 20th April. Although it is of course always helpful to have your further thoughts on the Government's Energy Security Strategy, we were disappointed that you did not respond to our specific questions about the Government's analysis of energy need, the promotion of home insulation including retrofit, and the local electricity bill. I wonder if you might be able to address these?

More specifically, though, we are particularly concerned about what appears to us to be the lack of ambition on the Government's part with regard to onshore wind. As we wrote, we have recently conducted a study on the feasibility and public acceptability of more renewable energy generation in the Hope Valley, and I enclose a copy of the summary report. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the results with you, in light of the commitment in the Strategy to consult on 'developing local partnerships for a limited number of supportive communities who wish to host new onshore wind infrastructure in return for benefits, including lower energy bills'. We firmly believe that it is time to reconsider the approach to planning in areas of natural beauty like the Peak District, and that we can be an exemplar to others in showing how renewable energy infrastructure can be integrated into beautiful countryside without detriment.

Can we arrange to meet?

Yours sincerely

Dr Jeremy Wight, Chair