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Subject: Re: Exciting update on BC Community Heat and Wind Network (Case Ref: PD35025)

Dear Lorraine

Thank you for your email of 12th March. I am pleased to hear of the progress being made for the next stage in undertaking a feasibility study for a Community Heat Network in Bishops Castle, following our previous correspondence and the constructive meeting we held in The Wintles last year.

I agree that securing a £100,000 grant for assessing feasibility to the next stage is a significant step forward and am pleased that the Government funded pot for community energy feasibility has been able to be accessed through the good work of Dave Green at Sharenergy: they are an increasingly effective organisation, undertaking a wide range of renewable energy schemes as I have seen for myself as an investor in the Ludlow Hydro Co-operative which Sharenergy organised and an industrial scale rooftop solar scheme at Burford which again they crowd funded.

If any organisation can pull off this ambitious project for Bishop's Castle, I suspect it will be Sharenergy. Please continue to keep me updated, although you will be aware that my successor as Conservative candidate for the new constituency of South Shropshire is Stuart Anderson, who if successful at the next election will am sure wish to be brought up to speed with where you have got to.

With kind regards
Philip
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