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Dear Lisa,

Re: Invitation to discuss various energy projects

Thank you for your recent emails regarding the invitation to attend a further meeting with Granborough Parish Council on local concerns about energy infrastructure projects, including the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm.

I very much appreciated the opportunity to speak with residents during the VE Day celebrations and to engage with Nick Fenwick on these important issues. I'm also grateful for your continued efforts in co-ordinating a meeting. Thank you for your patience during what was an especially busy end to the parliamentary term.

As a reminder, I just wanted to clarify the nature of the planning process for the Rosefield Solar Farm and outline the role I am able (and unable) to play in it. As the proposal exceeds 50 megawatts, it is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), which means:

- The application will not be determined by Buckinghamshire Council, but by the Planning Inspectorate under the Planning Act 2008.
- The developer, Rosefield Energy Farm Limited (a joint venture between EDF Renewables and PS Renewables), must apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO).
- The Planning Inspectorate will review the application, including evidence and submissions from the public, local authorities, and other stakeholders, before making a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who will make the final decision.

We are currently in the pre-application phase, with the DCO expected to be submitted in September 2025. Once this happens, there will be a formal pre-examination stage during which local residents can register as "interested parties" and participate in the examination process by submitting comments.

Although I do not have the power to approve or block the project, I will continue to represent constituents' views by:

- Registering as an interested party.
- Submitting formal comments and evidence on behalf of residents.
- Engaging with the Planning Inspectorate, relevant ministers, and the developer to advocate for local concerns.
- Working to ensure that the voices of Buckingham and Bletchley residents are properly heard throughout the process.



As you may be aware, I will be holding a Listening Day on **Friday, 22 August**, which includes visits to Granborough, Quainton, North Marston, and Oving. This will be an opportunity for residents to speak with me directly and share their views. I'd be grateful if you could spread the word.

Following the Listening Day, I plan to meet with representatives from Rosefield Energy Farm Limited to convey the community's feedback. A provisional meeting is scheduled for the end of August. I will then write to the Secretary of State, and other relevant Ministers and stakeholders, in the autumn, to raise local concerns and request further engagement with them.

Furthermore, as your Member of Parliament, it is important to clarify that I do not have the authority to approve or reject planning applications – regardless of whether they are an NSIP or not. Planning is primarily a matter for local authorities, and individual MPs have no formal role in the decision-making process. The outcome of non-NSIP applications rests solely with Buckinghamshire Council's planning officers or planning committee, which is comprised of elected local councillors.

Given that I am already undertaking all of the above actions, and that the proposed Rosefield development lies outside the boundaries of my constituency, I do not believe a further meeting with the Parish Council would add additional value at this stage. However, I will continue to keep you and other local councils updated as the process develops, and revisit this as the process advances. I would also be keen to come along to a Parish Council meeting in 25-26.

I hope this letter helps clarify the planning process and my role within it. If there's anything else I can assist with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Callum Anderson MP
Member of Parliament for the Buckingham and Bletchley constituency