

# South Cambridgeshire Conservative Councillors



The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP  
Minister of State  
for Business, Energy and Clean Growth  
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy  
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London, SW1H 0ET

8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Minister,

## Local Electricity Bill

We are writing to you in relation to the Local Electricity Bill being debated on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

My group and I are entirely supportive of community renewable energy initiatives. Conservatives locally on Cambridgeshire County Council have shown their support for community renewable projects by helping to develop the Swaffham Prior Community Heat Project, which has been well-received on a very wide basis.

As Conservatives, we believe in small government and in power being held as close to those who are directly affected as possible. We also believe in the importance of community and that a competitive market is a successful one. This bill, we believe, encompasses many of our values - communities ought to have the ability to fairly compete in the renewable energy market and boost our national resolve to be carbon neutral by 2050.

With the provisions in this Bill, communities could raise money to be spent locally on renewable projects and more jobs would be produced in a local economy that ensured renewable energy is more widely and easily accessible by residents. As such, we would urge the Government to support Community renewable energy initiatives and ask that you would consider legislating accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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CLlr Ruth Betson  
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