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Ms Julie Sleath

Clerk, Hellifield Parish Council

Inglenook Barn, Gisburn Road

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Dear Ms Sleath

I am writing to make you aware of the Government's new Local Power Plan, delivered through Great British Energy.

The programme will provide up to £1 billion of funding and support to help communities develop and own local clean energy projects such as solar panels, wind turbines and other renewable energy schemes.

Support will include grants and loans to help develop projects, expert advice to guide communities through the process, and help to attract further investment.

Funding schemes are expected to launch during 2026. In the meantime, communities can submit an Expression of Interest to Great British Energy to outline potential project ideas and register their interest in the programme. This is not a funding application, but it allows organisations to receive updates and explore what support may become available.

Further information can be found at www.gbe.gov.uk/local-power-plan.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with any relevant groups, organisations, or residents in your community who may be interested in developing local energy projects.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Julian Smith'.

Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP