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Dear Stephen and Katy,

I would like to thank you for your support and work carried out as part of the DECC's Local Energy Supply Working Group.

The rapid transformation of the UK's infrastructure brings huge challenges and huge opportunities; local energy supply could be seen to fits in to both. Our vision is of a future energy market no longer dominated by a small number of large energy companies with traditional business models.

This is why I launched the UK's first Community Energy Strategy in January 2014. We have a great deal as a society to gain from this devolution in energy, this community energy vision, and I welcome your report 'Local Electricity Supply: Opportunities, archetypes and outcomes'.

My hope is that this report and Group are used to take forward new thinking on how the energy sector could accommodate a wider mix of companies, social enterprises, charities and local authorities, offering new choice and fairer prices for consumers.

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Yours,

EDWARD DAVEY