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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 27 March to the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP on behalf a number of your constituents about onshore wind and planning. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this matter.

The consultation carried out by my department on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), including changes to onshore wind policy, closed on 2 March. Ministers and officials are now analysing the responses received before publishing an official response. Unfortunately, it would not be appropriate for me to outline my department's position on the points you have raised until the consultation analysis has been completed. This analysis will inform the Government response to the consultation which we will publish in due course.

You may also be interested to know the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has committed to consult on delivering local partnerships for onshore wind. This consultation will be published shortly.

Thank you again for your email. Please extend my gratitude to your constituents for their enquiry.

Yours sincerely,

**RACHEL MACLEAN MP**  
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