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Dear Clive

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to Rt Hon Claire Perry MP regarding the Community Benefit policy for new nuclear power stations. I am responding as the policy sits within my portfolio.

The Government's current policy on community benefits remains in line with the statement made by Michael Fallon in 2013 which, as you rightly say, envisages that payments will be made to communities hosting new nuclear power stations through a combination of business rates retention and payments by Government. The details of how this policy will be implemented are being developed by my department, working closely with the Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG), not least because they are reviewing the Government's policy on business rates.

Both I and Ministerial colleagues in MHCLG have engaged with relevant stakeholders to understand their priorities and will continue to do that as needed as we progress the policy.

Best wishes
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Dear Claire,

I have received representations about the Government's delivery of community benefit as it relates to the hosting of new nuclear power stations. It is my understanding that in July 2013 the then Minister for Energy, Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP, published a Written Ministerial Statement on the benefits for communities hosting new nuclear power stations. This statement outlined how such community benefit packages would be delivered in two phases. The first phase would relate to receipt of a share of business rates retention in the area, while the second phase would be delivered by annual payments from the Government.

I would be grateful if you could clarify what the Government's current policy is on delivering these community benefit packages to areas hosting new nuclear power stations. In particular, in light of moves to higher proportions of business rates retention, please could you indicate what the Government's current plans are for the mechanism to deliver these packages.

I am copying this letter to Rishi Sunak MP, the Minister for Local Government.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Betts', written in a cursive style.

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