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GBE funding for Solar Panels at Ladybarn Primary School

Dear Jeff,

We are delighted to let you know that Great British Energy have installed a new solar array at Ladybarn Primary School.

This installation is part of Great British Energy Solar – one of GBE's first major schemes, in partnership with the Department for Education and the Department for Health and Social Care. This scheme is now expected to invest up to £255 million to enable around 250 schools, around 260 NHS sites and around 15 military sites to increase their renewable energy generation and reduce their energy bills. As we continue installations between 2025 and 2026, we will deliver lifetime energy savings worth millions for the future. This school in your constituency is set to benefit from this exciting scheme, helping to cut lifetime energy bills and reinvest into classrooms.

The solar panels at Ladybarn Primary School will have immediate impacts. With installation now complete, we estimate that the school could save around £160,000 over the lifetime of the panels (assumed to be 30 years). These savings will enable Ladybarn Primary School to reinvest directly back into education for pupils - whether that's by improving facilities, investing in resources or supporting day-to-day operations.

As part of our Plan for Change, we will continue to strengthen the education system by helping schools cut energy costs and reinvest savings back into teaching and facilities, while supporting economic growth and strengthening the UK's energy security.

Yours ever,

MICHAEL SHANKS MP
Minister for Energy

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