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Dear Fintan,

I am writing to formally offer approval for the Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) methodology, which has been developed through extensive collaboration between the UK, Welsh, and Scottish governments, as well as the National Energy System Operator (NESO) and Ofgem. This methodology is a critical step towards achieving our shared goals of a sustainable and resilient energy future for Great Britain. I am encouraged by the progress demonstrated in the methodology since the October commission of this groundbreaking project.

I support continued work with NESO on what the outputs of the SSEP will look like, and how these will capture uncertainty and retain optionality, whilst appreciating the value of the SSEP in driving certainty for industry and investors.

I thank Scottish and Welsh Ministers both for their support of this methodology and the overall strategic ambition of the SSEP. As outlined in the SSEP commission letter, the joint commissioning of NESO by the UK, Welsh, and Scottish governments underscores our ambition to work collaboratively to ensure a plan that works for all of Great Britain.

I would like to extend my thanks to the officials across both our organisations and within the Devolved Governments and Ofgem for their dedication and hard work on this document. Their ongoing and constructive engagement throughout the process, including through formal governance structures, has been invaluable in shaping a methodology that reflects our collective ambitions and strategic interests.

I am confident that the SSEP methodology provides a robust framework for the strategic planning of energy infrastructure across Great Britain. I look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to ensure the successful implementation of the SSEP.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON ED MILIBAND MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero