

Grant Shapps MP  
Secretary State for Energy Security and Net-Zero  
House of Commons  
London  
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Dear Grant,

I am writing to you in regard to The UK Government's Floating Offshore Wind Manufacturing Investment Scheme (FLOWMIS) and to highlight the significant opportunity to the UK economy which can result from supporting Scottish and UK ports for the deployment of floating offshore wind projects.

Building 50GW of UK offshore wind by 2030 will depend not only on policy and commitment from developers to drive projects but on experienced and innovative suppliers, too. We have already seen great supply chain successes, with many renewable energy SMEs and ports sharing in the benefits that can come from the ample contract opportunities offshore wind projects present.

Suppliers have also been able to increase their competitiveness through the variety of support options on offer to them such as the Offshore Wind Growth Partnership programme and UK Export Finance.

The delivery of investment in ports across the UK is a key priority of the renewable energy industry for securing a successful future for the UK's offshore wind supply chain as well as delivering home-grown, secure clean energy for the UK, and we would urge progress on FLOWMIS as quickly as possible to ensure that this country can continue as a world leader in offshore wind.

The recent Floating Offshore Wind Taskforce: Industry Roadmap Report recommends developing ports as soon as possible by investing £4 billion to ensure they are ready for mass floating wind deployment by the end of this decade. It also recommends that a significant proportion of port investment takes place in Scotland, stating that at least three to five Scottish ports need to be transformed into new industrial hub.

The suggested £4 billion investment in UK ports has the potential to create thousands of green jobs and to add an additional £14 billion to £18 billion in Net Present Value to the UK economy.

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With a world leading pipeline of commercial floating offshore wind projects on the horizon now is the time for action to cement the UK's position as a global leader in the deployment of offshore wind.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the renewable energy industry's views on port investment and to explore how we can work together to ensure the successful growth of the renewable energy supply chain.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire Mack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Claire Mack  
**Chief Executive**