

**Annex A – EIR 202300347852 - documents for release**

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 01 July 2022 14:19

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** FW: Gordonbush Hydrogen Demonstrator project - Offer of grant submission

Hello [redacted],

From the email chain below you will see that the Mr. Matheson is content to offer a grant of £304,000 to SSE Renewables for their Gordonbush Hydrogen Demonstrator Project.

On the back of this we have a letter of intent ready to go to SSE Renewables to give them assurance of our support before due diligence processes are complete and a grant offer letter issued.

Ahead of your leave could you please sign off the letter of intent attached? It would help us a great deal to be able to progress this as soon as possible. I have also attached the submission for reference.

Apologies for the short notice, please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 01 July 2022 15:50

**To:** [redacted]

**Cc:** [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Gordonbush Hydrogen Demonstrator project - Offer of grant submission

Hi [redacted],

Thanks for this, and good outcome.

The draft grant letter with my e-signature is attached.

[redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 July 2022 11:00  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Gordonbush Hydrogen Demonstrator Project

Hello [redacted],

I hope you are well.

Please find attached a letter of intent, detailing our intention to contribute £304,000 to the Gordonbush Hydrogen Demonstrator Project. This is subject to checks and processes outlined in the letter being completed satisfactorily, and no other exceptional issues arising which would prevent us awarding funding to your project.

[redacted]

We will continue working through our checks and processes and progress towards issuing a grant offer letter.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Many thanks

[redacted]

[Not in scope]

**\*Letter of intent attached to email above is on following page:**



T: [redacted]  
E: [redacted]

[redacted]  
Project Manager  
**SSE Renewables**

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June 2022

Dear [redacted],

### **FUNDING FOR Gordonbush Hydrogen Demonstrator Project**

I am pleased to confirm the Scottish Government intention to provide up to £304,000 as a funding contribution to the development phase of the above referenced project to be completed by SSE Renewables. The Scottish Government recognises the Gordonbush Hydrogen project as a critical project for demonstrating decentralised hydrogen production in the Highlands and establishing a hydrogen supply chain in the region.

We appreciate that you require assurances of financial support for this development phase of the project before the end of June. Whilst our due diligence checks and assessment of your business case are already underway they take several weeks to complete and so we are pleased to provide you with this letter of intent in the interim.

We agree in principle to award the £304,000 grant funding that you have requested, subject to the above mentioned checks and processes being completed satisfactorily, and no other exceptional issues arising which would prevent us awarding funding to your project.

We will be in touch regarding any further information we require.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** 07 July 2022 11:12  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Cc:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Gordonbush Hydrogen Demonstrator Project

Dear [redacted]

Thank you very much indeed for this Lol and for confirmation on the appropriate subsidy control mechanism. We warmly appreciate the Scottish Government support in helping bring this important project to fruition. This has been and continues to be crucial.

Should you require any further information to aid your due diligence, please never hesitate to get in touch. [redacted] will remain the primary contact point going forward

With kindest regards

[redacted]  
Head of Partnership Funding  
SSE plc

[Not in scope]