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Our past PV projects have proved difficult to get off the ground – both our previous attempts at large multi-site projects have unfortunately been unsuccessful due to the changing demands of the installation companies and a dwindling benefit for RMBC and our schools as a result.

Currently, schools can access support and guidance from our team on renewable or low carbon installations and I will work with them on an individual level to discuss funding or financing options and help work with them through the process. As any solar PV/wind power agreement tends to run 20+ years it is important that benefit is maximised and risk is kept to a minimum.

Whilst we recognise the importance of the deployment of renewables in the current financial climate continuing to work with our schools on improving energy efficiency remains a priority.

Let me know if you need any further information and I'll seek to help,

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