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Dear Elin

The UK Government introduced the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill (the Bill) to the House of Commons on 11 May.

The Bill contains a large number of largely unrelated provisions as illustrated by the long title:

*A Bill to make provision for the setting of levelling-up missions and reporting on progress in delivering them; about local democracy; about town and country planning; about Community Infrastructure Levy; about the imposition of Infrastructure Levy; about environmental outcome reports for certain consents and plans; about regeneration; about the compulsory purchase of land; about information and records relating to land, the environment or heritage; for the provision for pavement licences to be permanent; about governance of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors; about vagrancy and begging; and for connected purposes.*

The Bill is lengthy and complex running to 338 pages, comprising 11 Parts and 17 Schedules. From our initial analysis, the Bill touches upon a number of areas of devolved competence and may modify Welsh Ministers' functions in reserved areas. However, due to very limited prior consultation by the UK Government and the complexity of the Bill, it has not yet been possible to fully consider the devolution consequences of what is being proposed.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I intend to lay a Legislative Consent Memorandum and any other relevant statements before the Senedd as soon as we have a clear picture of the devolution consequences of the proposed legislation, however, it is clear this will be outside the normal two week Standing Order 29 deadline. The Bill is not expected to move through Parliament at pace. House of Commons second reading is scheduled to take place on 8 June, and, if passed, the Bill is not expected to receive Royal Assent until Spring 2023.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution, Mick Antoniw MS, the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, Lesley Griffiths MS and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Huw Irranca-Davies MS.

Yours sincerely



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