

Julie James MS

Minister for Climate Change

15 July 2022

Dear Julie,

Further to our meeting earlier this week to discuss your proposed timetable for the Single Use Plastics Bill, I thought it would be useful to set out the latest position as I understand it.

You will be aware that the Business Committee agreed to postpone a decision on whether or not to refer the Bill until after it has been introduced. The Business Committee agreed that it would return to further consideration of the Bill timetable at the beginning of the autumn term, in light of whether the Bill was published in draft over the summer and whether or not the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee has subsequently been able to undertake any consultation work.

During our meeting, you agreed you would explore whether the Bill could be published in draft during the summer recess. I would be grateful if you could publish the draft Bill as early as possible in the summer recess, to enable the Committee to undertake a short public consultation on the draft.

I would also be grateful if you would publish drafts of any supporting documentation, such as an Explanatory Memorandum or Regulatory Impact Assessment, as this would greatly assist the Committee and stakeholders in being able to come to a view on the Bill. It would also be useful if you could publish a summary of the consultation that was undertaken between April and October 2020.

In order to be able to undertake this work in any meaningful way, I believe it is necessary for these documents to be made available in early August.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your offer to appear before the Committee to be scrutinised in relation to the Bill. Subject to any further decision by the Business Committee, we intend to hold an oral evidence session on the Bill on 22 September and would be grateful if you would confirm your availability for the afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Llyr', is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Llyr Gruffydd MS,
Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.