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**Pwnc | Subject: Urgent: Delays in IPU Application Decisions – Request for Clear
Timeline and Interim Measures**

Annwyl Rebecca,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the unacceptable delays in decision-making on application 20/0717/FUL and other Intensive Poultry Unit (IPU) applications currently under holding directions. While I fully appreciate the legal obligations to protect Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and the complexities of phosphate discharge management, these prolonged delays are creating significant uncertainty and hardship for my constituents.

The ongoing review of the Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021 and further work on organic material spreading are important, but they must not be used as an excuse for indefinite delays. Businesses, farmers, and communities deserve clarity and certainty.

I am therefore asking for a firm timeline for decisions on these applications, including key milestones and any interim measures that can be put in place to provide transparency and accountability in this process.

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Given the impact of this issue on rural communities, I am copying in the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee to ensure that there is proper scrutiny of the delays and their consequences. I urge you to provide a clear response outlining when and how these matters will be resolved, as well as any temporary measures that can be taken to mitigate ongoing uncertainty.

I look forward to your prompt response with a clear action plan.

Yn gywir,



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**cc: Andrew RT Davies MS, Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs
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