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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 3 October with regard to a petition calling for a moratorium on wind farm applications. I note the additional information submitted by the petitioner. However, I remain of the view that there should not be a moratorium on wind farm applications.

Planning policy and technical advice notes produced by the Welsh Government are subject to public consultation when in draft form before being finalised. Technical Advice Note (TAN) 8: Planning for Renewable Energy was no exception and was published in draft form for an extended public consultation exercise in 2004 with 1,723 people responding. All Members of Parliament, Assembly Members, and local planning authorities were consulted.

The planning system provides the opportunity for members of the public to participate in the preparation of Local Development Plans and make representations on applications. Planning applications are subject to public consultation and the views of the local community should be taken into account in the decision-making process. The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 sets out the publicity requirements to be undertaken by local planning authorities. For schemes over 50MW, which are not devolved and are the responsibility of the UK Government, the developer is responsible for undertaking public consultation at the pre-application stage as set out in the Planning Act 2008.

I do not support the introduction of a moratorium on wind farm applications.

Yours sincerely

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