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Dear



Thank you for the letter on behalf of the Environment and Sustainability Committee setting out the observations of the Committee on the draft Planning (Wales) Bill and broader package of proposals to reform the planning system contained in 'Positive Planning'.

I welcome the support of the Committee for the evidence based approach which has been adopted for the Bill and wider reform proposals. Similar support has also been received as part of the wider public consultation exercise which resulted in just under 300 responses.

My officials are currently working through the consultation responses, Environment and Sustainability Committee letter and meeting transcripts with a view towards making refinements to the Bill. A comprehensive Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment are also in preparation. The Bill will be introduced to the National Assembly later this year.

I look forward to working with Committee to take this important Bill through the legislative process.

Yours sincerely,



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