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Mike Hedges MS  
Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee Chair

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Dear Mike,

I have today published the Welsh Government's national development framework '[Future Wales – The National Plan 2040](#)'. I have laid in the Senedd a [Statement](#) explaining how I have had regard to the views of the Senedd and its committees that were expressed during the scrutiny process in September to November 2020.

The publication of Future Wales is a major milestone for our Nation. We are the first nation in the UK to publish a national development plan and we will use it to help deliver a healthier, greener, more prosperous and fairer Wales.

I would like to thank you and your committee for your role in helping shape Future Wales. I am pleased to have been able to respond positively to the vast majority of recommendations made by the committees which have strengthened Future Wales.

Yours sincerely



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