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Dear David

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Thank you for your letter of 31 October, regarding petition P-05-844 'Immediate review of the Neath Port Talbot LDP'.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (section 69) states a Local Planning Authority (LPA) must carry out a review of their Local Development Plan (LDP) at such times as the Welsh Ministers prescribe. This requirement is taken forward by Regulation 41 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended), which states a LPA must commence a full review of their LDP at least every 4 years from the date of adoption. For the Neath Port Talbot LDP the 4 year review date is January 2020.

A LPA can review its adopted LDP at any time before the statutory review date if it considers an early review is appropriate. This is a matter for each LPA to determine. Any person can request a LPA to review their plan and should set out their reasons and evidence in justification of the review. Such a request can then be considered by the Council with locally elected members determining whether the LDP should be reviewed, or not. There is nothing to prevent such requests being made or an adopted LDP being reviewed early.

The decision to review the Neath Port Talbot LDP is for the Council to determine. It is not appropriate for the Welsh Ministers to intervene in the ability of locally elected members to consider whether their adopted LDP should be reviewed, or not, in advance of the 4 year statutory review period.

Regards
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