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National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Mick,

This letter is to inform you that I have laid a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum in the National Assembly for Wales in respect of The Conservation of Habitats and Species (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018, as required by Standing Order 30A.

I am writing to inform you that I am not minded to lay a motion for debate about this SI in this instance. I have reached this decision on the basis that our interest in this SI is restricted to operability amendments that will arise as a result of the UK leaving the EU.

The SI provision covers operability amendments in relation to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and there is no divergence in policy between the Welsh Government and the UK Government in this case.

Given the volume of legislation that the Assembly is considering, I do not believe that a debate on this SI would be a productive use of valuable Plenary time. However, SO30A provides that any member may table a motion for a debate on this SI, and I would be happy to participate in a debate, should one be held.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley".

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