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Dear Russell

I am writing to provide you with an update on recommendation 14 of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee report into The State of the Roads in Wales.

My officials have been working with users on several studies to assist with the implementation of WeITAG 2017 and they have identified key themes where WeITAG users require further support and guidance. Supplementary guidance is being drafted on engagement and consultation and also how to apply the Well-being of Future Generations Act at each stage of the process.

Officials are currently considering the schemes that will be subject to a WeITAG audit and the nature of the audit. We recently hosted two well attended WeITAG workshops. These workshops brought WeITAG users together to discuss their experiences and examples of best practice. It is our intention to set up a WeITAG Community of Practice and hold more workshops and training sessions to provide ongoing support to users and enable the sharing of learning and best practice.

Since the publication of WeITAG 2017 we have started shifting towards a corridor / area based approach to the early stages of WeITAG. For example, our emerging Metro Enhancement Framework, which takes a corridor based approach to considering future transport interventions in the South Wales Metro area.

In recognition that there were ongoing studies and schemes being developed when WeITAG 2017 was published, we issued supplementary guidance on transitional arrangements alongside the main WeITAG 2017 toolkit. The transitional guidelines require that schemes that were already being taken forward through WeITAG 2008 move over to WeITAG 2017 at an appropriate stage in their development. This includes reflecting on whether stages that have already been undertaken need updating to take account of the latest legislation and policy including the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

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WelTAG 2017 is currently being used to develop, appraise and evaluate the Llandeilo Transport Study. Two consultants were appointed in October 2017 to undertake stage 1, which has now been completed. This led to the identification of a long list of 42 options. That was then narrowed down to a short list of 11, which were taken forward to stage 2. This was based on their ability to solve the problem, their fit with local and regional objectives, their positive impacts across all aspects of well-being, their deliverability and robustness under uncertainty and potential to drive long lasting change. Consultants were then appointed to commence stage 2 in May 2018, which is ongoing. There will be a review group meeting on 22 October and an additional public consultation on 2 December. This will enable us to determine the one or two options from the short list to take forward into stage 3, which is due to begin in early January 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long, sweeping flourish above the name.

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