

Mike Hedges AM  
Chair, Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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5 March 2020

Dear Mike,

### **The draft National Development Framework**

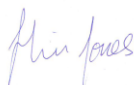
At Business Committee on 4th February, we discussed recommendations made by your committee in your report on scrutiny of the draft National Development Framework by the Assembly.

Business Managers noted that statutory requirements in relation to policy matters did not usually have corresponding Standing Order provisions, and the Trefnydd indicated that the Minister for Housing and Local Government was prepared to comply with your committee's recommendations without them being set out in Standing Orders.

On 3 March, Business Managers noted a letter from the Trefnydd putting these commitments in writing which I enclose for your information and the Committee confirmed it was content for the National Development Framework process to proceed on this basis.

I am grateful to your committee for your consideration of this matter, and for drawing it to the attention of the Business Committee.

Kind regards



**Elin Jones AM**  
Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee





Elin Jones AM, Llywydd  
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12 February 2020

Dear Elin,

At Business Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020, we discussed the scrutiny of the draft National Development Framework by the Senedd and I agreed to write to you to confirm the Welsh Government's approach.

The Minister for Housing and Local Government will:-

- Lay the draft National Development Framework before the Senedd on 20th April 2020. It will be accompanied by a consultation report setting out the issues raised during the consultation (including a response to the Climate Change Environment and Rural Affairs Committee's recommendations and conclusions), a schedule of changes the Minister intends to make following consideration of the consultation responses and committee recommendations, and an updated integrated sustainability appraisal.
- Write to each Senedd Committee as soon as the draft National Development Framework had been laid to draw it to their attention.
- Table an amendable motion in government-time to provide an opportunity for the Senedd to express its views on (but not approve) the draft National Development Framework. The debate will take place during the Senedd's 60-day consideration period so the government can reflect on the Senedd's decision and the recommendation of the Committee(s) in a timely manner.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Minister for Housing and Local Government welcomes the Senedd's contribution to the development of our first National Development Framework and looks forward to working with the Committees.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Rebecca Evans AC/AM**

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a'r Trefnydd  
Minister for Finance and Trefnydd