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Dear Baroness Bloomfield,

**The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2025**

Thank you for your contribution to the Grand Committee Debate for this Order on 8 December. I am writing to provide further detail on some of the questions raised.

*Resourcing of agencies in Wales to handle responsibilities arising from the Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024*

At the Spending Review we announced that the Welsh Government will receive an average settlement of £22.4 billion per year to deliver on its devolved priorities. This is the largest funding settlement for the Welsh Government in real terms in the history of devolution. As a result of decisions made at Budget 2025, the Welsh Government will also receive an additional £505 million over the Spending Review period.

As I mentioned during the debate, it is for the Welsh Government to determine the appropriate allocation of resources across its devolved responsibilities, including the consenting of devolved infrastructure projects. I understand that the Welsh Government has provided extra funding to both National Resources Wales (NRW) and Planning and Environment Decisions Wales (PEDW) to support delivery of the new process.

*Standards of assessments for devolved infrastructure projects in Wales*

As the new consenting regime is within devolved competence, it is for the Welsh Government to ensure that assessments meet the relevant standards. It is worth noting however that environmental assessments in Wales are subject to the same standards as the rest of the UK, through the common system of Environmental Impact Assessments and Habitats Assessments.



*The types of projects most likely to be affected by the Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024*

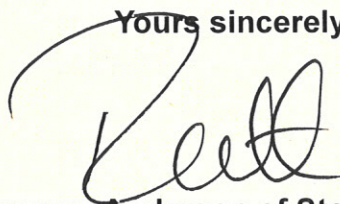
The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 introduces a new consenting process for various types of infrastructure projects in Wales. This includes significant energy, waste, water and transport projects.

*Further devolution of infrastructure powers*

The Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 introduces a new consenting process for projects which are already within devolved competence in Wales. It was passed following the Wales Act 2017, which devolved further legislative and executive responsibility for the consenting of energy generating projects. This Order ensures that the 2024 Act works in the context of the existing devolution settlement by making the necessary consequential amendments that the Senedd would be unable to make itself.

I hope this information proves useful. I am copying this letter to Baroness Humphreys and will place a copy in the House library.

Yours sincerely,



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