

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS  
First Minister of Wales

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Dear Mark

Sixth Protocol to the Convention on the Construction and Operation of a Very High Neutron Flux Reactor (UK-France-Germany)

At our meeting of 14 March 2022 we considered the international agreement between the UK, France and Germany, Sixth Protocol to the Convention on the Construction and Operation of a Very High Neutron Flux Reactor.

As you will be aware, the agreement will extend existing arrangements between the UK, France and Germany in running the Institut Laue–Langevin (ILL), a world-leading research facility for scientific research using neutrons, situated in Grenoble, France, by 10 years from 2024 to 2033.

During our consideration of this agreement we agreed to write to you to seek clarification on whether the Welsh Government was consulted in the development of the agreement; and its assessment of the impact, if any, on Wales's research, development and innovation sectors.

We would be grateful to receive your response by 20 April 2022.

Yours sincerely,



Huw Irranca-Davies  
Chair