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Welsh Government

Llyr Gruffydd MS  
Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

Cc: Mike Hedges MS  
Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

5 September 2025

Dear Llyr,

I wrote to you on 11 August following the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandums for the Planning and Infrastructure Bill.

In that report you raised concern over the proposed amendments to the pre-application process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) and felt it difficult to reach a judgement as you have not seen the UK Government's guidance. The UK Government is currently undertaking a consultation on streamlining infrastructure planning. This includes proposed guidance on consultation and engagement following the removal of statutory pre-application consultation requirements for NSIPs. I encourage all stakeholders to participate in the consultation process.

[Consultation on streamlining infrastructure planning - GOV.UK](#)

I have also copied this letter to Mike Hedges MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee as these matters may also be of interest to that Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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