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Dear Russell

Thank you for your letter of 29 January, requesting an update on the planning elements of the Mobile Action Plan. There are three action points for planning in the document covering permitted development rights, planning policy and TAN19/Code of Practice.

With regard to the first of these, the research report on permitted development rights for telecommunication equipment was published in January and is available to view on the Welsh Government website at:

<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/planningresearch/publishedresearch/planning-for-mobile-telecommunications-an-assessment-of-permitted-development-rights-in-wales/?lang=en>

This research will inform a consultation on permitted development rights which I anticipate will commence in the spring of 2018.

On revisions to Planning Policy Wales (PPW), I recently launched a consultation on a revised version of PPW. The new version of the document highlights the positive relationship between telecommunications and the economy and the contribution digital connectivity makes to successful places.

The consultation documents can also be accessed on the Welsh Government website at:
<https://consultations.gov.wales/>

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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 third point on TAN19 and the Industry Code of Best Practice is a longer term action which can only be commenced once the legislative and policy elements of the first two actions are complete. My officials will continue to engage with representatives from the mobile phone industry to ascertain what further work can be done in this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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