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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 21 February, regarding Petition P-05-815 on the regulation of the poultry industry.

The Chief Planner wrote to Welsh Local Planning Authorities last year regarding intensive agricultural developments. In his letter he invited them to take part in work to consider how the impact on the environment can be better assessed. The Welsh Government received expressions of interest from Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority. Officials have also discussed the issue with officers from Powys County Council who will be involved in work going forward.

Officials in the Planning Department are in the process of establishing a Working Group. The group will include representation from the Local Authorities as well from the farming industry, Natural Resources Wales and the Welsh Government. The draft terms of reference of the working group are:

- to consider the evidence required for the preparation of Local Development Plans
- identify the range of material considerations Welsh Local Planning Authorities should be considering, including suitable assessment methods of typical impacts
- identify appropriate sources of advice which Welsh Local Planning Authorities can draw on when determining planning applications
- suggest appropriate text to guide Local Planning Authorities when planning for intensive agriculture installations both during plan preparation and development management stages.

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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 intention is to publish a new guidance note by the end of the year.

It is important the Working Group is now given time to fully consider the evidence, including the evidence supplied by the petitioners. The Working Group will contact the petitioners directly if it requires any more information.

Regards  
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