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Dear Helen Mary,

Inquiry into the provision of safe places to play and hang out

Thank you for your recent letter following the Children and Young People Committee meeting of 11th May. As you rightly point out, at Plenary on 18th March 2009 I made a commitment to provide training for local authority transport and planning officials to help ensure that the revised Assembly Government planning policy was implemented at a local level. The policy revision was not completed until the end of 2009, and as a consequence we were not able to instigate any training until this was completed.

However I am pleased to inform you that progress has been made and the Welsh Assembly Government has developed a strategic approach to the provision of this training. We have established a partnership comprised of all of the relevant professional bodies; namely the Royal Town Planning Institute, the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport and the Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation in order to ensure that we reach as wide an audience as possible. The training is being facilitated by the Design Commission for Wales.

A consortium of Consultants who will deliver the training has been appointed and they are finalising the programme. Four regionally based, two day, training events will be held in June and July across Wales at Cardiff, Llandudno, Abergavenny and Llanelli. These events will be targeted specifically at local authority highways and planning officers with the intention of fostering an integrated and cross cutting approach.

Yours,

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