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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 19 June regarding the petition on unconventional oil and gas planning applications.

*Planning Policy Wales* is currently in the process of being revised and will be subject to consultation in early 2018. Planning policy in relation to onshore oil and gas will be updated as part of this review.

Welsh Government Officials and I are currently assessing the implications of the transfer of the oil & gas licensing system to Wales. As an area outside of our previous competence, we are in the process of developing an evidence base to inform thinking both in terms of the handling of existing licenses and future policy.

Regards  
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