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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 18 April, regarding Petition P-05-815 on the regulation of the poultry industry.

Officials have recently sent out invitations to the external participants of the Town and Country Planning Intensive Agriculture Working Group. This has included the Brecon and Radnorshire Branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales (CPRW) and the Wye and Usk Foundation. The full list of invitees is set out in the draft terms of reference attached.

The Intensive Agriculture Health Working Group will consider any issues referred to it by the planning working group, however it has decided Public Health Wales and other public health stakeholders are included on the planning working group to ensure the issue is given equal consideration in the identification of evidence and the drafting advice for local planning authorities.

The main roles for the group are:

- To identify the evidence in relation to intensive agriculture required for the preparation of Local Development Plans.
- To identify the range of material considerations Local Planning Authorities should be considering when determining planning applications, including suitable assessment methods of typical impacts.
- To identify technical advice and scientific evidence in relation to the processes involved in Intensive Agriculture and their impact which would inform planning processes.
- To assess the capacity of Local Planning Authorities to provide internal advice and expertise on intensive agriculture projects (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.

- To identify and make recommendations on the availability of permanent sources of external advice for Local Planning Authorities in relation to LDP preparation and determination of planning applications.
- To make recommendations for further research.
- Engage with other stakeholders not present on the Working Group, as appropriate.
- To support the drafting of guidance (Technical Advice Note) on planning for Intensive Agriculture.

Yours sincerely,



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