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Dear Rebeca,

**Snowdonia National Park Authority: Delivery Agreement
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales)
(Amendment) Regulations 2015**

Thank you for your email of 14 July, requesting the agreement of the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs to a proposed Delivery Agreement (DA) timetable for your replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) revision. This DA comes as a result of Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA) concluding the review process (Regulation 41) of the LDP, adopted July 2011.

The Welsh Government acknowledges the work undertaken to date on the review process and recognises that SNPA is the first Local Planning Authority in Wales to propose the short form revision procedure. The Welsh Government has commented informally on your review documentation and emerging evidence and 'without prejudice' considers that the short form procedure is appropriate for SNPA based on evidence to date. Your submitted DA contains an indicative adoption date of spring 2018, with allowance for a 3 month slippage period. In accordance with the LDP Manual (paragraph 4.3.3.3) this allowance would apply to the entire LDP process and is not cumulative.

A priority of the Welsh Government is for an up to date plan-led planning system. We therefore support your proposal for a preparation period of considerably less than 4 years for your revised LDP. The LDP Manual (paragraph 10.2.14) acknowledges the short form revision procedure is likely to require 12 months preparation before submission of the plan for examination. The Welsh Government is supportive of your DA, which complies with the guidance in this respect.

Preparation of a LDP is not only a statutory duty placed on each local planning authority across Wales, but also a corporate tool, a land use expression of the National Park Authorities priorities in dealing with local and national issues. As such,

the DA is a commitment to deliver on these key responsibilities. Effective project management and appropriate resources are essential to ensure no slippage is incurred and the plan can be adopted in accordance with the proposed timetable.

As such, on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, I am able to confirm agreement to the timetable as provided for by Section 63(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

The published version of the DA should now be made publically available in accordance with the requirements indicated in Regulation 10. Please note that notwithstanding the requirements of the regulations, that you provide one hard copy of the agreement to the Planning Division of Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely,

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By e-mail and post