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Dear Julie

Re: Barry and the National Development Framework

I have been contacted regarding the Consultation on the National Development Framework which has been extended until the 15th November. Concerns have been expressed to me about the lack of focus on Barry as a key town in South East Wales.

I agree with Policy 1 regarding 'sustainable urban growth' and support the 'town centres first' principle and feel Barry has a strong contribution to make in this regard. Despite being the largest town in Wales it is not mentioned in the Regions' section in relation to key towns and cities.

I have considered the response from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and note their views particularly in relation to the lack of content and consideration of the Vale of Glamorgan in the Framework documentation.

I note that their response includes questions regarding District Heating Centre capacity (policies 14 and 15). The map on page 42 of the NDF document identifies Barry as one opportunity area for a DHN but that there is concern about the lack of detail as to how Local Authorities should identify opportunity within their LDPs. The Council's full response can be found here:

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Cabinet/2019/19-10-21/National-Development-Framework-Consultation-Draft.pdf

I would be grateful for a response to the points made by the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding these policy proposals regarding District Heating Networks and for assurances that Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan have been properly considered in the drafting of the Framework.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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