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Dear ,

**ATISN 11915 - consultation on a draft Circular (12/2006) and guide to good practice**

Thank you for your request, which I received on 16 January. As identified in my previous correspondence I have separated your request into two areas:

- 1) Analysis of the responses received to the public consultation exercise on, WAG Consultation Draft Circular 12/2006: Environmental Impact Assessment (August 2006) and WAG Consultation Draft Environmental Impact Assessment: A guide to good practice and procedure (August 2006), internal discussions on those responses, and any consideration about whether to proceed with the publication of the documents.

Under this heading I have identified the following information:

- Advice to Minister in MB/CJ/1186/06 asking the Minister to note the issuing of interim guidance before the publication of a revised Environmental Impact Assessment Circular, and the publication of the revised circular has been delayed in light of the responses received;
- Worksheet - Environmental Impact Assessment – issues to address in Circular revision - position at 22/05/07;
- Statement of Information for MB/JD/5248/07 asking the Minister to approve a consultation on Environmental Impact Assessment for reserved matters applications. The approved consultation paper identifies the changes will be reflected in a Welsh Assembly Government Circular to replace Welsh Office Circular 11/99: Environmental Impact Assessment, and in a new good practice guide on EIA; and,
- Advice to Minister in SF/JD/0298/08 asking the Minister to approve the making of two statutory instruments to comply with European Court Judgements relating to outline and reserved matters applications and the Environmental

Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive 85/337/EEC (as amended). The advice identifies changes to the regulations will be reflected in a Welsh Assembly Government Circular to replace Welsh Office Circular 11/99: Environmental Impact Assessment and a good practice guide on EIA.

This information is attached.

- 2) A summary list of new Environmental Impact Assessment Circular or other Guidance documents issued since August 2006.

Under this heading please find a list of guidance documents on Environmental Impact Assessment, including hyperlinks, issued since 2006:

- CL-10-06 Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2006: Interim Guidance to local planning authorities  
<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/circularletters/2006/cl1006/?lang=en>
- CL-02-2008 Interim Guidance Affecting Outline and Reserved Matters Applications  
<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/policyclarificationletters/2008/cl0208/?lang=en>
- Guidance on regulations applying environmental impact assessment to stalled reviews of conditions attached to old mineral planning permissions in Wales  
<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/minerals/eiaoldminerals/?lang=en>
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA): Transportation Issues Arising from Wind Farms <http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/dear-cpo-letters/eiawindfarmtransport/?lang=en>
- This letter and associated annexes provide guidance on a number of provisions resulting from the Planning (Wales) Act 2015  
<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/dear-cpo-letters/new-development-management-procedures/?lang=en>
- The Town and Country (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2017 <http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/dear-cpo-letters/the-town-and-country-environmental-impact-assessment-wales-regulations-2017/?lang=en>
- Development Management Manual  
<http://gov.wales/topics/planning/policy/development-management-manual/?lang=en>

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Yours sincerely