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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email on 19 November, regarding the planning appeal for Hendy Wind Farm, near Llandrindod Wells. My decision to approve the appeal was made on 25 October 2018.

It is important to ensure, in the interests of natural justice, decisions are based on an open and fair consideration of all relevant planning matters. Accordingly, as Cabinet Secretary with responsibility for Planning, I must not take any actions which might be seen as prejudicial to the planning decision-making process. Therefore, it is not appropriate for me to undertake site visits when making determinations on planning appeals. However, the Inspector carried out an accompanied site visit on 23 March 2018 which provided an opportunity for the parties to point out to the Inspector any physical features they considered important and material to the determination of the appeal. The Inspector also undertook unaccompanied visits to public vantage points within the surrounding area. The findings of the Inspector are set out in his report, which I considered in the determination of the appeal.

I have now made my final decision on the appeal, the decision cannot be deferred. Once a decision issues on an appeal, the Welsh Ministers have no further jurisdiction in the matter. The practical effect of this is it is not open to myself or anyone else within the Welsh Government to comment on the merits of the decision, the reasoning behind it or to reconsider the decision. The only way the decision can be challenged is through the Courts.

Yours sincerely  
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