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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter dated 1st December 2022 in relation to the removal of LDP end dates.

I discussed your letter with the Strategic Development Planning Sub-committee for the Mid Wales CJC at its meeting on 2nd December, and whilst appreciative of your position the Sub-Committee was disappointed as it considered that an early opportunity was being missed to redirect resources from constituent authorities towards the preparation of an SDP.

It was agreed at the Sub-Committee meeting that I write to you, as Chairman of the Sub-Committee, to ask whether Welsh Government is able to provide additional funding support towards the preparation of the SDP in both the short-term and mid-to-longer terms. This is essential because you will appreciate that resources amongst the region's constituent authorities are severely limited and the cost to prepare an SDP per authority is proportionately much higher in Mid Wales in comparison to the other regions. This position is compounded for the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority which must support the preparation of three SDPs.

I look forward to hearing from you and if it would assist, I would welcome a discussion on funding support with you or your officials.

Yours sincerely,

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County Councillor Jake Berriman Chair, Strategic Development Planning Sub-Committee, Mid Wales CJC

