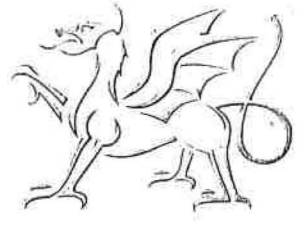


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Dear Eleanor

Wales Spatial Plan – Infrastructure assessment

During the Plenary debate, 17 November, on the Wales Spatial Plan, you suggested that there needed to be a strong infrastructure assessment as part of the WSP.

I agree that it is important to analyse and understand the state of our infrastructure systems in Wales - and across the border where the impact is wider – and to be able to respond to any shortcomings. It is however not the role of the Wales Spatial Plan to reiterate detailed sectoral programmes and policies, where they exist. Much of the detailed work on these aspects is best carried out at the area level and will form an important part of the forthcoming area work in the context of the Wales Spatial Plan.

Thank you for your positive contribution to this spatial planning process, which I believe will be of real benefit to Wales in the long term. I will keep the Assembly informed of progress.

Best wishes,

Sue Essex



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