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**Carmarthenshire County Council Local Development Plan: Delivery Agreement 3<sup>rd</sup> Revision**

**The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended)**

Thank you for your email of 19 December requesting agreement to amend your Delivery Agreement (DA) to undertake Focussed Changes on the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).

The preparation of a Local Development Plan (LDP) is a statutory duty placed on all Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) in Wales. Having an up-to-date development plan in place underpins the very basis of the planning system and reinforces the Government's commitment to a plan-led approach to development.

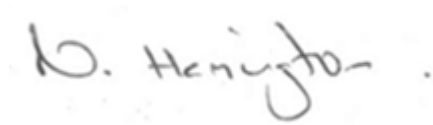
The plan is a corporate tool and land-use expression of an LPAs priorities in dealing with national and local issues and the DA is a commitment by your authority to deliver on these key priorities. Your Council is proposing a formal extension to the currently agreed timetable, which results in a delay of 7 months with submission of the plan for examination in March 2024 with adoption anticipated by June 2025 (Table 2). The reason for the delay is noted as the Focussed Changes is considered necessary for all stakeholders and interested parties to submit representations on the ISA and HRA, including addendums. Effective project management and a robust evidence base is essential to ensure the plan can be submitted in accordance with the timescales set out in Table 2 and Appendix 1 of the DA with a single additional slippage period of 3 months.

A test of 'soundness' against which the plan will be considered through the examination is whether it adheres to the agreed DA including the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS). The plan will also need to demonstrate 'general conformity' with Future Wales: The National Plan 2040.

After considering your DA submission, I can **confirm agreement** to the timetable set out in Table 2 and Appendix 1 as provided for by Section 63(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Regulation 9 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

The published version of your DA should now be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 10.

Yours sincerely,



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