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Dear William

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

With reference to your letter dated 14th December 2012 which sought views from local planning authorities regarding current planning guidance in relation to the issue of fracking, I can confirm that this has been discussed with members of the Planning Officers Society for Wales.

The view from local planning authorities is that there is a lack of Planning Policy Guidance/Technical Advice Note/Best Practice notes etc with regard to fracking and assessing planning applications for that form of development. The existing planning policy guidance was drafted prior to the increase in interest in exploiting the underlying geology for fracking. It is of note that the Planning Officers Society in England has recently made a similar plea to UK Government for some clarity.

It has been suggested that an addendum to the existing Technical Advice Note specifically on fracking may suffice.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further views from local planning authorities.

Yours sincerely

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