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**Caerphilly Council: Delivery Agreement 2<sup>nd</sup> Replacement  
Plan - Delivery Agreement Slippage**

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

Thank you for your letter of 15 September 2022 informing us that due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the meeting of Special Council, where the Preferred Strategy was due to be considered, had been cancelled and re-arranged for the 29<sup>th</sup> September. However, as you note the date of the re-arranged meeting takes your plan beyond the agreed 3-month slippage period set out in the agreed Delivery Agreement (DA) of June 2021 by 19 days.

One of the 'Tests of Soundness' against which all LDPs are considered is the procedural requirement for the plan preparation to accord with the agreed DA, which includes the timetable and any slippage period. Theoretically, if no action is taken questions as to whether your plan complies with the procedural tests could be raised. The passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has led to a national period of mourning which nobody could have foreseen when your DA was agreed in 2021. I consider that requiring a full DA revision on this sole basis is not an appropriate course of action in these circumstances and would needlessly delay consultation on the Preferred Strategy.

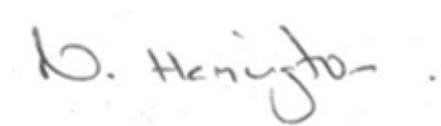
I wish to confirm agreement to this additional slippage of the plan following formal resolution from Council at the 29 September meeting and will not be in conflict with the agreed DA. This position reflects the national significance of recent events, and there being no adverse effect on stakeholders. This letter should now be made publicly available in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulation 10, accompanying the agreed DA.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N. Hemington". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

**Neil Hemington**  
**Prif Gynllunydd**  
**Chief Planner**