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Dear Gillian,

PARLIAMENT ENGAGEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Thank you for your letter of 19 December seeking the Local Government and Communities Committee's views on proposed timings for the laying of the updated Climate Change Plan (CCP) and the potential for collaborative scrutiny.

The Committee considered your letter at its meeting on 22 January 2020 and agreed to undertake some work on areas of the updated CCP which fall within its remit. It also agreed in principle that a collaborative approach to scrutiny of the CCP would be prudent, to avoid duplication of effort and ensure that all aspects of the plan are subject to the appropriate level of scrutiny. I have therefore asked the Clerks to the Committee to liaise with your Clerks on the formation of proposals for a collaborative approach.

We also shared your Committee's concerns about proposals for Parliament to complete its consideration of the CCP in 30 days. We agreed that this would be unlikely to allow sufficient time for key stakeholders to inform our views on the updated plan and therefore we support your calls for the timeframe to be longer.

Thank you for seeking our views. I look forward to working with you as further details emerge.

Yours sincerely,

James Dornan MSP
Convener of the Local Government and Communities Committee