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Dear William

Thank you for your letter dated 23 October in relation to 'A national, affordable and priority housing Act of Wales' in reply to my letter of 10 July.

I have noted the new correspondence from the petitioners in light of my letter and the various topics that have been raised.

In terms of the main area of concern within this correspondence around household projections in Wales I must reiterate what I previously said in my letter of 10 July. The household projections for local authorities in Wales are prepared by Welsh Government statisticians independently of Ministers and policy officials and are designated as National Statistics by the UK Statistics Authority. This means that these statistics meet identified user needs; are well explained and readily accessible; are produced according to sound methods; and are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

My officials have checked the national projected household increase in Wales (2008 – 2033) figures that are detailed within the letter and they are unclear how these have been arrived at. On the statswales website at a national level the projections are slightly lower at 323,009. To see the web link below

<https://statswales.wales.gov.uk/Catalogue/Housing/Households/Projections/National/2008-Based/Households-by-Type-Year>

I can also confirm that any housing projections for Wales at a local authority level are in fact based on a Welsh specific methodology which is separate to the methodology used in England.

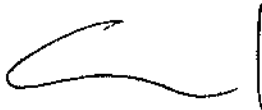
Increasing housing supply is my number one priority and I recognise the challenges of housing supply meeting the projected population figures. Demand for all tenures of housing continues to challenge both market and affordable housing supply. We are maximising the

use of limited budgets to support the delivery of affordable homes of a range of tenures and are making good progress against our target of 7500 additional affordable homes with 60% of this target already achieved.

Housing demand goes beyond affordable housing and whilst the market drives the supply, I am supporting all housing delivery where I am able to.

I hope the above clarifies the household projection figures and also sets out my commitment to increasing housing supply across Wales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'C' followed by a vertical line.

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