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Dear Mr Gruffydd,

Congratulations from NHBC

On behalf of NHBC, I would like to congratulate you on your election as Chair of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee. As NHBC's new Regional Director for Wales, I am delighted to see that you will be responsible for scrutinising the development of environmental policy in Wales and would welcome a meeting in the near future to discuss the upcoming work of the committee and how we can support you.

As you may already know, NHBC is the UK's largest new home warranty provider and single building control body. We protect over 1.5 million policyholders in the UK with our leading 10-year new home warranty; Buildmark which covers approximately 70-80% of all new homes in the UK. We are a non-profit distributing organisation with no shareholders and reinvest any profit back into our core purpose to build confidence in the construction quality of new homes.

We have a long history of working closely with the Committee on a range of important policy issues, including building safety, climate change, modern methods of construction, and affordable housing. We support the ambition for net zero homes and have worked for over a decade with Government and industry to overcome the obstacles to building greener houses. Most recently, we have become a member of the Future Homes Task Force and are working to ensure build quality is not compromised as greener homes are built.

The NHBC Foundation produces high-quality research and practical guidance to help the house-building industry deliver 21st-century new homes. It has recently produced reports on the future for home heating and biodiversity in new housing developments, which I have attached and would be delighted to discuss in more detail with you. If you would like to arrange this or if NHBC can be of any assistance, please contact my colleague Thomas Stevenson (TStevenson@nhbc.co.uk).

I wish you the very best luck in this new role and look forward to working with you over the next Senedd term to ensure new homes in Wales are built to the highest standards.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Carter MCI0B
Regional Director West & Wales

Attachments:

[Biodiversity in new housing developments: creating wildlife-friendly communities](#)

[The Future for Home Heating – life without fossil fuels](#)