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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 24 January following the meeting of the petitions committee on 7 January where you considered petition P-05-927 on changing places toilet (CPT) facilities.

I have now received the advice regarding potential amendments to Building Regulations to increase CPT provision. It is my intention to issue a consultation paper on proposed changes to Approved Document M (Access to and use of buildings) supporting the Building Regulations to make provision of a CPT expected in certain buildings.

I am also aware of the links being made to petition P-05-871 to require baby and toddler changing facilities to be available in both male and female toilets. I will consider if the forthcoming consultation on CPTs should also include proposals to strengthen the provision to expect baby-changing facilities in both male and female toilets. I will write to you again on this point once I have received detailed advice from my officials.

The building regulations only apply where relevant building work is undertaken and do not apply retrospectively, therefore, it is important any proposed changes are supported by other mechanisms to try and increase the provision. Local Authorities, through their toilets strategies, need to identify how provision for both CPT's and baby changing facilities can be increased where the evidence suggests they are needed.

In terms of funding, there is not a single list of grants or other funding that could be utilised to increase the provision of CPTs. This is because grants are offered by a range of organisations (including the Welsh Government), aimed at different target applicants with a range of objectives. The Changing Places website provide some links to potential funding sources, but these are sector specific. http://www.changing-places.org/install_a_toilet/faqs_about_installation/funding.aspx. The guidance provided to support the toilet strategies also identifies certain funding links to assist Local Authorities in implementing their strategies.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Without specific details of the Llanelli Wildfowl and Wetlands Trusts (WWT) proposals I am unable to provide definitive advice on specific schemes, however we recently launched the “Brilliant Basics” scheme (<https://businesswales.gov.wales/tourism/finance#guides-tabs--1>) which may be relevant. Expressions of interest must be submitted by 12 noon on 28 February. I realise this timescale is short, however, for more information on this competitive grant WWT can contact Philip.Abraham@gov.wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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