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Dear Stakeholders

**CORONAVIRUS COVID 19 RESPONSE**  
**AMENDMENTS TO PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION RELATING TO**  
**APPLICATIONS FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENTS OF**  
**NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE**  
**THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS (TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS AND**  
**DISAPPLICATION) (NO.3) (WALES) (CORONAVIRUS) ORDER 2020**

The Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 introduced temporary amendments to pre-application consultation procedure, Development of National Significant (DNS) submission requirements and Community Council consultation. The aforementioned Order prescribed an emergency period beginning with 19 May and ending with 18 September 2020 during which the temporary amendments would be in effect. This period was extended to 8 January 2021 by the Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (No. 2) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020.

The COVID-19 emergency remains in effect in the United Kingdom. To provide certainty as we move into 2021, the Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (No. 3) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 has been made, which extends the emergency period during which the temporary amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 and the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 apply to 8 October 2021.

A consultation will be published in the New Year on a permanent, long-term solution.

If you have any questions or wish to bring anything to the attention of the Welsh Government, please email me at [prifswydddogcynllunio@gov.wales](mailto:prifswydddogcynllunio@gov.wales).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Hemington", with a small flourish at the end.

**Neil Hemington**  
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