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Dear Jane,

Thank you for your letter of 18 October 2023 regarding Gilestone Farm.

You will be aware that in August 2023, we received reports of sightings of a pair of nesting Ospreys at Gilestone Farm. As soon as the reports were confirmed, we immediately prioritised the safeguarding of the site and the nest and appropriate security was installed.

The confirmation of the birds at the site had a direct impact on the proposed development at Gilestone Farm and I can confirm that we have appointed a UK-leading Ospreys expert to advise us on the next steps. This will include the creation of an Ospreys Conservation Plan for the site. This document will guide what future activities can be undertaken and until this Plan is received, I can confirm that no new activities will be approved that could impact anything set out in the Plan.

With regards to community consultation, representatives from Green Man launched a website in May 2023 providing further information on the development and this website offers the local community the opportunity to provide feedback directly to representatives of Green Man. In addition, the Community Council has also undertaken a community survey where residents have been able to provide their opinion on the development and the results of said survey have been discussed by the Community Council and officials from Creative Wales, most recently in a September 2023 meeting. Moving forward, my officials will continue to engage constructively with Talybont-on-Usk Community Council, as the organisation on the ground with a democratic mandate and is purposed for that end.

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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.

In terms of next steps, we expect to receive the final draft of the Ospreys Conservation Plan by the beginning of December. Once the Plan is received, my officials will assess the recommendations and provide me with advice for me to make a final decision on the future of the site.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

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