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## WALES SPATIAL PLAN UPDATE

At Plenary on 8 July, you commented on the level of response to the 2008 Update consultation.

We held six regional conferences across Wales – all of which were oversubscribed. There were also several focused meetings with key groups including business, children and young people, the voluntary sector and the planning community. Around 1,000 people attended these events and a very wide range of groups was represented. The high level of interest can be gauged from the fact that the consultation draft was the most heavily downloaded document from the Assembly Government website in two successive months.

There were 117 formal responses but, far from being disappointed by this, I think it is heartening – and reflects the success of our face-to-face approach. Important issues were raised by people attending the consultation events. These have all been very carefully considered and many reflected in the final document.

In light of the amendment which your party proposed during the debate, I would also like to stress the importance which we attach to engaging fully with all interest groups. We have already developed good working relationships with key players, including those in the private sector. In view of this, no purpose would be served by highlighting one particular group.

I hope this clarifies the position.