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In accordance with the timetable for the preparation of the National Development Framework (NDF), it was my intention to commence a 12-week consultation on the draft National Development Framework next week.

In light of the forthcoming by-election in Brecon and Radnorshire on 1st August 2019, I have decided not to commence the consultation during the pre-election period. The consultation on the NDF will commence in August after the election.

We remain committed to publishing the NDF for consultation at the earliest opportunity. The NDF will set out where in Wales strategic growth should be focussed and the infrastructure we need to deliver our ambition for a Wales that is healthier, fairer and more prosperous. It will also have a key role to play in tackling the climate change emergency we face.

I will write to all AMs to inform you of the consultation dates as soon as these are confirmed and would encourage everyone to respond to the consultation. I will shortly publish an updated Statement of Public Participation.