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Alun Ffred Jones AM
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14 March 2016

Dear Alun Ffred,

I am writing following my earlier letter of 2 March in relation to the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Housing and Planning Bill ('the Bill'), dealing with the compulsory purchase provisions in Part 7 of and Schedules 14 to 19 to that Bill that would currently apply in relation to both England and Wales.

In my letter of 2 March I indicated that the Welsh Government is supportive of the aim of improving the compulsory purchase regime and recognises that some of the changes proposed also relate to matters which are not currently devolved. I wrote to the responsible Minister, Brandon Lewis MP, on 2 March seeking an assurance that Government amendments would be introduced to the Bill to secure a power to apply, with modifications the relevant provisions to Wales. This would allow a Welsh consultation to be undertaken and, if considered necessary, legislative changes to be introduced at an appropriate time.

I also indicated that if the UK Government does not agree to the approach I would withdraw my support for the motion. The UK Government have not agreed to the proposed approach so regrettably I will no longer support the motion when it is debated and voted on in Plenary on 15 March.

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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.

I have copied this letter to Assembly Members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Sargeant". The signature is written in a light grey or blue ink on a white background.

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