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Eich cyf/Your ref
Ein cyf/Our ref WQ90224

Andrew R.T.Davies
Welsh Parliament
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Dear Andrew RT Davies MS,

You recently asked a Written Question ref WQ90224 about what steps the Welsh Government is taking to ensure that new housing is built in areas where people need it most. This was not answered substantially, and I indicated that I would write to you on this matter.

In response to your question, we have introduced a standardised Local Housing Market Assessment methodology which allows local authorities to determine housing need at a local Housing Market Area level. The tool allows for up to 20 housing market areas to be analysed. The results of the LHMA allows each local planning authority to determine the quantity and type of housing needed in each locality.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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