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Response to consultation from Julie Morgan AM

Please find attached my letter in response to the consultation on the Draft National Development Framework which closes on November 15. This response is sent in my capacity as Assembly Member for Cardiff North.

Best regards

Julie Morgan AM / Julie Morgan AC

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November 14, 2019

Re Draft National Development Framework – green belt north of Cardiff

I am writing on behalf of my constituents, in my capacity as Assembly Member for Cardiff North, to set out my views on the draft National Development Framework – the Welsh Government's strategy for land use and development across Wales for the next 20 years.

I welcome the proposal, within the National Development Framework, that a Green Belt must be identified in south east Wales through a regional Strategic Development Plan (SDP). I welcome the fact that this should include land from the Severn Crossings to North Cardiff.

My constituency includes land north of the M4 bordering Thornhill and Lisvane and also includes part of Caerphilly Mountain (the constituency boundary is at the top).

I have campaigned strongly for a Green Belt for this land north of the M4 for many years and have had two major petitions calling for a north Cardiff Green Belt which received significant support.

In 2016, I worked jointly with Caerphilly AM, Hefin David, on the Green Belt campaign and we were partially successful in getting this land north of the M4, including both sides of Caerphilly Mountain, designated as a Green Wedge with protection until 2026 (in the Local Development Plans for Cardiff and Caerphilly).

Both Hefin David and I continue to advocate for this area to be a Green Belt, rather than Green Wedge which offers lesser protection.

The land north of the M4 is an important green backdrop to our city as well as being a haven for wildlife and I believe it should have the strongest possible protection from development for future generations.



I believe it would be logical for this Green Belt to extend further west beyond my constituency across the A470 to include Garth Hill as this follows the natural line of the ridge of hills which surround our city.

It is not clear whether the Green Belt proposal indicated in the map (on P.63 of the Draft National Development Framework consultation document) extends further west than Cardiff North or indeed where the exact boundary would lie – so I look forward to clarification once the follow-up Strategic Development Plan is published.

I would, however, hope that my comments about the strong support from my constituents for a Green Belt will be taken into account at the SDP stage.

Best regards,



Julie Morgan, Assembly Member for Cardiff North