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Dear John

I support the proposal that Defra undertake a review on the enforcement of the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to explore the current use and effectiveness of powers granted to Local Authorities and Police Forces in England and Wales.

As you are aware the Welsh Government agreed to work with both the Home Office and Defra to bring forward legislation which would enable enforcement to take place to tackle irresponsible ownership of dogs.

The specification states at present "The project will look at current data to identify risk factors for dog attacks and dog control issues and suggest potential interventions to encourage more responsible dog ownership and prevent the development of behavioural problems amongst dogs".

I am very supportive of this approach and it would be helpful to have an indication of when this work will proceed.

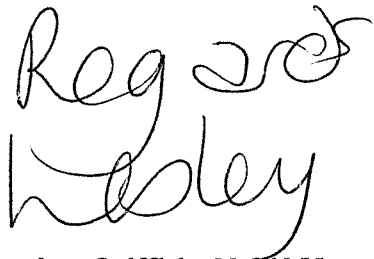
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am sure you will agree prevention is better than cure and we need to ensure the legislation already in place is both enforceable and enforced appropriately by the relevant authorities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reg 205' on the top line and 'Lesley' on the bottom line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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