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Dear Convener,

DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK 4

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your response to the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee outlining your conclusions on the Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4).

We have been really encouraged by the wide interest across society in NPF4 and the support for a focus on net zero. As the Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth stated during the Parliamentary debate on 19 April, we are committed to getting this right.

Now that the Parliamentary scrutiny period has ended and the public consultation has also closed, we are working through the wealth of responses to consider very carefully what changes to the draft are required. Your detailed response to a number of critical issues will be very helpful in this regard. Once we have considered all of the responses, and have refined the draft, we will publish an Explanatory Report alongside the final version to outline the changes made.

May I thank you again for your contribution in the development of this important policy.

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