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Dear Sir/Madam,

Response to: Statute Law (Repeals) (Wales) Bill

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) is the largest professional institute for planners in Europe, representing some 27,000 spatial planners. RTPI Cymru represents the RTPI in Wales, with 1,300 members. The Institute seeks to advance the science and art of planning, working for the long-term common good and well-being of current and future generations. The RTPI develops and shapes policy affecting the built environment, works to raise professional standards and supports members through continuous education, training and development.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above consultation. RTPI Cymru has welcomed and continues to support the work of the Law Commission and Welsh Government in simplifying and modernising planning law in Wales.

We recognise the work that must take place if the forthcoming Planning Bill is to stand as the substantive statement on planning law in Wales. We therefore support the aims of this consultation and the work taking place to ensure that provisions that are spent, unnecessary or obsolete do not add to the length or complexity of the Planning Bill.

RTPI Cymru does not raise any issue in relation to consequences surrounding the repeal of Rural Development Boards, Enterprise Zone Areas, Housing Action Trusts, Local Plans and Structure Plans, energy policies in development plans, or soil removal for development without consent. Based on the reasoning in the report these proposals for repeal would seem to be sensible.

If you require further assistance, please contact RTPI Cymru on 020 7929 8197 or e-mail Roisin Willmott at walespolicy@rtpi.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Willmott', with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

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