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Dear Minister,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the National Access Forum Wales, on behalf of the Access to Water Sub-Group (A2WSG), to follow up on my previous communications (attached), with Hannah Blythyn MS.

We are very pleased to recognise Deputy Ministers offer of support for a future pilot and the recognition of the exciting progress that the A2WSG is making.

It is the intent of the sub-group to focus on the historic challenges of angling and paddle sport, seeking to develop and detail a fresh pragmatic approach for shared equitable use that is environmentally sustainable.

As previously referenced, there are considerations of a riparian-use funding programme as well as a river users licence scheme, which the A2WSG are working on defining and detailing for inclusion in our March 2021 report to you, along with our river pilot proposal.

We welcome your new portfolio responsibility and very much look forward to your future involvement in the development of a pragmatic solution for Welsh Inland Waters as a part of our Welsh Green recovery.

On behalf of the National Access Forum and the Access to water Sub-Group, I would wish you a very Merry Christmas with a green and prosperous New Year.

Yours faithfully,



Howard Davies.

Chairman, National Access Forum Wales.