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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letters of 21 January and 28 January to the First Minister regarding the Llandudno Junction office. I am replying in light of my portfolio responsibilities.

Our strategy for remote working launches this week, and we recognise that office buildings in both the public and private sector may be need to be repurposed in the future. We are gathering data on remote working uptake across Wales with a network of over 25 local hubs providing data to our pilot. Sites in North Wales include Rhyl, Anglesey and Colwyn Bay. Due to the recent guidance to work from home during December and January we have limited our promotion of these sites, but we hope that as restrictions ease we will see more people using these facilities in the future.

Our aim is to explore all realistic space sharing and other co-location opportunities at our offices, including our office at Llandudno Junction, with the focus on our public sector partners. However it will take time for us to be sighted on the wider opportunities that will deliver long-term value before plans can be firmed up. If the public health situation continues to improve and over the next six months Welsh Government will also be testing new post-pandemic working arrangements, assessing the implications of remote working and new blended working styles for the future of our office estate.

I would encourage any business requiring support to contact the Business Wales Helpline who can explore any support options available. The Business Wales Helpline is available Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. The team can be reached by calling 03000 6 03000 or by visiting <a href="https://businesswales.gov.wales/contact-us">https://businesswales.gov.wales/contact-us</a>

Yours sincerely,

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