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Dear Oliver,

We appreciate the extension provided on the Committee for Infrastructure's call for evidence on planning decisions for Regionally Significant Projects.

Various Committees within the Society considered the points raised.

- Regarding effective and timeliness of planning decisions, it was noted that this can be a deterrent for external investment, so any proposals to increase the effectiveness and timeliness of planning decisions for Regionally Significant Projects would be welcomed.
- More context would be needed on Judicial Reviews of planning decisions as to what this review would be intended to address.
- Finally regarding improving planning decisions, clear conditions especially those which require explicit discharge would be welcomed and detail on consultation with statutory stakeholders also may benefit those considering conveyancing matters.

The Society may be better placed to provide more input at such stage as a formal consultation may be issued and as the review develops its scope.

Kind regards,

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Thank you for your email.

We'd be happy to allow for an extension but would kindly request that your response is submitted by 22 May.

Would that allow for sufficient time for a written response from the Society?

Many thanks,

Oliver

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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letter of 27 April 2026 inviting the Law Society to provide a response to the Committee for Infrastructure's Call for Evidence on planning decisions for Regionally Significant Projects.

The Society operates on a committee structure. Within the 6 working days allotted for a response, we were unfortunately unable to convene a meeting of the relevant Committee at such notice to decide what response should be given to the points listed in the correspondence .

The invite to this evening's Stakeholder Event was circulated among the members of our Conveyancing & Property Committee.

Kind regards,

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