

By email

7th May 2019.

Dear Vaughan,

I am writing to you in relation to the rollout of 5G in Wales.

I have received several letters raising concerns about the potential health and environmental implications that the introduction of 5G may have in the long-term.

I understand that the introduction of new technology is necessary to avoid Wales falling behind other countries, but as the guardian of future generations, I would like to ensure that the interests of our future generations have been taken into account.

While I realise that the rollout of 5G will be primarily led by the industry, it is my understanding that certain planning regulations will need to be relaxed in order to allow the necessary infrastructure to be built.

As a Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, I would like to see how you have assessed the effect that 5G will have on the environmental, social, cultural and economic well-being of the people of Wales when making decisions around the relevant regulations. I would also like to see how you have used the five ways of working in your decision-making and how the rollout of 5G fits with the national well-being goals and Welsh Government's own well-being objectives. In particular, I would like to understand what analysis of long-term health impacts you have undertaken.

We have developed several Future Generations Frameworks to support public bodies to consider and apply the Act (ways of working and well-being objectives and goals) in their work, which could be useful to you – these Frameworks can be found on our website:

Framework for projects: [http://futuregenerations.wales/resources\\_posts/future-generations-framework/](http://futuregenerations.wales/resources_posts/future-generations-framework/)

Framework for service design: [http://futuregenerations.wales/resources\\_posts/future-generations-framework-for-service-design/](http://futuregenerations.wales/resources_posts/future-generations-framework-for-service-design/)

I look forward to your response explaining how the Act and its elements were taken into consideration in decisions relating to the rollout of 5G.

Yours sincerely,

