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Dear Simon

I am responding to your letter of 15 October.

The regulations made on Friday mirror restrictions already in place in local health protection areas in Wales. They place restrictions only in respect of areas where the virus is in high circulation, and do not prevent people from travelling for work, education or other essential purpose.

The measures taken by the Welsh Government are a public health response to the current emergency. We continue to make decisions in line with the advice we receive. In considering travel restrictions, the Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Dr Frank Atherton, concluded that:

"I fully support the proposal to restrict travel from high-Covid transmission areas to protect the public health of people living in areas which have lower rates of virus in circulation; often areas which are remote or less densely populated. This is a sensible and necessary approach in line with the existing restrictions for travel that are in place for the 17 local health protection areas across the country."

The Welsh Government is accountable for these actions to the Senedd elected by the people of Wales.

As you know, I have asked the Prime Minister to convene COBR (M) to discuss the SAGE advice on 'circuit breaker' action. I will be grateful for your support on that.

Best wishes

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