**WRITTEN QUESTION**

FOR ANSWER BY

THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

# ON 07 AUGUST 2024

**James Evans (Brecon and Radnorshire):** Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's future plans for the agricultural land and the residential dwellings and outbuildings at Gilestone Farm? (WQ93616)

**Huw Irranca-Davies:** I was delighted to hear of the return of the ospreys to Gilestone Farm in April and would like to place on record my thanks to the local community volunteers of the Usk Valley Ospreys community group and other stakeholders for their support in ensuring the safety and protection of the birds at the farm.

The Welsh Government’s well-established principles for use and disposal of land and property assets is currently providing a basis for discussions about the long-term future of Gilestone Farm. This process is currently ongoing and may include commercial discussions so we will not be making a public statement on these discussions at this time. An update will be provided to members once a final decision on the site has been made.

The farm is currently being managed via a formal Farm Business Tenancy on commercial terms. We will continue to manage the site appropriately until a final decision is made on the long-term future of the site.