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Dear Joanne,

Hope you are well.

As the primary mover on the Guidance, I just wanted to catch up with you regarding timings. I believe you spoke to Keith the other day and confirmed that the Consultation would begin on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept and finish on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. (In preparation for this I am looking to forward the guidance over to you by the 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.) Is this correct? Does this time frame include the turnaround of the feedback from the consultation? I ask this question since I will need to potentially amend the Guidance and would be looking to have it completed by close of play Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October. These deadlines are tight, so I need confirmation that these timings can be successfully kept to.

The above timings are based on the 'go live' date of the scheme being the 1<sup>st</sup> November, please confirm that this is still the case. I am aware that right now the regulations are with the EU in order to ensure compliance to the Technical Standard Directive. I believe that this process will conclude on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and then the Assembly will ratify the draft regulations. By what date will the Regulations be ratified by? I assume that until this happens the scheme would not be able to go live.

Finally, I have the date of 24<sup>th</sup> Oct for the finished Guidance to be sent over to you for publication. Could you explain to me what the publication process includes and confirm that, if the go live date is still the 1<sup>st</sup> November, you will have enough time to complete the publication process on time?

I will contact you first thing Monday morning so we can discuss the above.

Thanks in advance

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