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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-984
Ein cyf/Our ref JJ/02547/20

Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your follow-up letter of 30 September regarding Petition P-05-984: 'Stop discriminatory remote consultations for incinerator applications during the Covid-19 Pandemic', which includes the petitioner's latest submission.

The power to extend the timescales associated with any consultation or submission requirement following acceptance of a DNS planning application is exercised unilaterally by Planning Inspectors on behalf of the Welsh Ministers. There is no published criteria in its exercise. Requests for extensions are considered on a case by case basis, giving due consideration to ensuring no party is unduly disadvantaged while balancing with the need to determine DNS applications within a statutory timescale, the performance of which must be documented and laid before the Senedd.

Planning Inspectors have exercised an extension of the representation period in some cases, and in others, discretion has been exercised to accept representations from interested parties which are submitted after the relevant deadline, if they are satisfied doing so will not result in any injustice or undermine the efficacy of the examination.

Yours sincerely,

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