

Sir David Henshaw
Chair
Natural Resources Wales

29 February 2024

Drainage Districts

Dear Sir David,

You will be aware of the important work undertaken in Drainage Districts, including to protect productive agricultural land across Wales. In light of the climate emergency and related increasing flood risk, I am writing to gauge opinions on the effectiveness of operations within Drainage Districts and their ability to protect valuable land both now and in the medium to long term. Please can you let me know your views on:

- The current effectiveness of work undertaken within Drainage Districts;
- The sustainability of the Drainage Districts approach in the long term. In particular, whether funding is sufficient and if they will have capacity to protect farmland going forward; and
- Any other relevant issues you would like to raise.

I would appreciate it if you could respond by the 22nd of March.

I have also written to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, National Farmers' Union Cymru (NFU) and the Farmers' Union of Wales to gauge their views.



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping tail on the 's'.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

