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Your ref P-06-1573
Our ref HIDCC/00132/26

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions committee

13 February 2026

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 27 January regarding petition P-06-1573 Protect Llanidloes: Stop illegal & dangerous gas and water pollution from Bryn Posteg Landfill led by Xander Ashwell. Xander Ashwell has raised the issue with me directly and officials are preparing a response.

Activities at Bryn Posteg Landfill are controlled by an Environmental Permit that contains conditions the operator must comply with to prevent harm to the environment or human health. Natural Resources Wales (NRW), as the waste regulator in Wales, is responsible for regulating the site and ensuring compliance with the conditions of the permit.

I understand NRW are aware of an increase in odour complaints and pollution concerns from the public relating to Bryn Posteg landfill. While waste is no longer being accepted at the site, there is currently significant activity on site as the operator undertakes capping works. These works can disturb existing waste and release pockets of odour. NRW are conducting site visits and are in regular contact with the operator to ensure that all works are undertaken in line with the requirements of the site's environmental permit and in a manner that minimises any impact on the environment.

Where any breaches of the permit are identified, enforcement action will be considered in line with NRW's enforcement and sanction policy. They encourage anyone with odour or pollution concerns in relation to this site to report them using our online reporting form or by calling 03000653000.

I understand the level of concern the local community has regarding odour issues, and can reassure you that we are taking this matter very seriously. The Welsh Government continues to work towards eradicating the landfilling of waste produced in Wales. Since the start of devolution our policy approach has seen the use of landfill fall dramatically in Wales, with less than 1% of local authority collected rubbish entering landfill now, compared with 95% in 1998.

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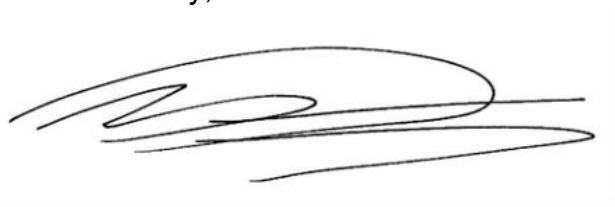
We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Thank you for writing to me on this important matter. I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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