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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter about petition P-04-562 Caernarfon Heritage Centre which was sent to the Minister for Culture and Sport in July. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

The Welsh Government, through Cadw, has already invested significant resource into the presentation of the history and culture of Caernarfon, for example through Caernarfon Castle, part of a World Heritage Site, and Segontium Roman Fort. Caernarfon Castle itself attracts over 190,000 visitors a year to the area. The Castle site also houses the Royal Welch Fusiliers Museum which attracts over 90,000 visitors. Whilst not a purpose built centre, interpretation at the Castle includes information about how the town of Caernarfon has developed. The sites also support significant outreach work and community engagement. In addition, the Caernarfon waterfront regeneration project, a multi-agency partnership including Welsh Government, will present several opportunities for integrated heritage interpretation to capture Caernarfon's strong heritage through innovative and creative approaches. For example, proposals are being developed for a community arts regeneration project which tries to integrate the importance of Caernarfon's historic past.

Whilst I would be supportive of a new heritage centre in Caernarfon, I think this has to be led, and funded, locally in order for such a venture to be sustainable. I would be happy for my officials in Cadw and CyMAL to offer advice and guidance should the Civic Society wish to pursue this.

Yours ever

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