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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-1039  
Ein cyf/Our ref DET/02696/20

Janet Finch-Saunders MS  
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Dear Janet

Thank you for your correspondence of 9 October, on behalf of your constituent, regarding the Petition P-05-1039 to allow amateur athletes within a lockdown area to train and be coached outside of the area.

Further to the First Minister's announcement on 19 October, people in Wales will be required to stay at home between 23 October and 9 November to help regain control of coronavirus. Frequently Asked Questions relating to the firebreak can be found [here](#). As outlined in the FAQ, only professional athletes have a reasonable excuse to leave home to train or compete during the firebreak as the regulations allow people to work.

The fortnight-long action is needed to save lives and prevent the NHS from being overwhelmed. Cases of coronavirus have been rising sharply in Wales as the virus has woken up for winter. While the national and local measures put in place across Wales have helped to keep that spread under check, there is a growing consensus that additional action is now needed. Considerations have had to be made around the cumulative impact of all the actions we might make. It is the combined impact of numerous activities which makes the difference, not the risk posed by any one activity.

Following the end of the firebreak, a new set of national rules will be introduced, covering how people can meet and how the public sector and businesses will operate. We fully recognise the enormous efforts the Welsh public and businesses have made to keep Wales safe.

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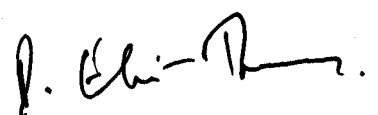
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope this information is helpful

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Elis-Thomas'.

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