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Councillor Gareth Thomas, Cabinet Member for Economic Development
and Community, Gwynedd Council

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Dear Lord Wigley and Cllr Thomas,

As Chair of the Welsh Parliament's Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee, I would like to congratulate the Llechi Cymru/Wales Slate team on their successful bid for UNESCO World Heritage Site Status for the North Wales Slate Landscape. This is a tremendous endorsement of the strength of the bid, the uniqueness of the site and the hard work of the bid team.

I'd be grateful if you would please pass on my congratulations to all those from Gwynedd Council, Cadw, Welsh Government, Snowdonia National Park Authority, the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, Bangor University, the National Trust and the National Slate Museum for their hard work to achieve this success. This award will raise the profile of Wales' industrial heritage sites which provide an important source of income from tourism and also serve to educate and fascinate all who visit them. An area which has been so central to the history of Wales will now play an integral part in our nation's future, and in the profile we hold internationally.

The Committee will be undertaking a broad programme of work during the Sixth Senedd which will include looking at the challenges and opportunities facing the heritage sector. I am pleased that one of my first tasks as Chair is to celebrate this successful award, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,



Delyth Jewell MS

Chair

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