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Jack Sargeant MS  
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Senedd Cymru  
Cardiff Bay  
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter concerning a petition calling on the Senedd, and other bodies, to start referring to Welsh cities and towns by their Welsh names. As you know, Welsh place names are currently the subject of close attention from the Welsh Government, with several processes ongoing in order to collect evidence for policy developments.

As well as analysing the many responses to our consultation on a [Welsh Language Communities Housing Plan](#) (which included proposals on safeguarding place names and house names), we are also awaiting a report and recommendations concerning the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales's [List of Historic Place Names](#). The information, evidence and recommendations which arise from these exercises will be valuable in steering our response in relation to Welsh language place names.

That being so, I look forward to seeing the results of your scrutiny and any policy recommendations that result from them. This will add to the wider picture in relation to place names, and will feed into the process as we consider the way forward.

I know that people feel strongly about Welsh place names, be they the names of houses, geographic features, towns or villages, and they are included in our Cooperation Agreement with Plaid Cymru because we as a Government want to make a real difference.

Yours sincerely,

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