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Dear Ms Phillips

PETITIONS COMMITTEE - GOWER SOCIETY PETITION RE: GOWER AONB

I am writing to inform the Committee of the position with respect to the proposed extension of the Gower AONB, which was the subject of consideration at your meeting on the 28 March 2012.

The attached note explains the history of this proposed designation and the underlying process for landscape designations that CCW has developed. It should be noted that landscape designation is a lengthy process and that the completion of the recently-confirmed extension to the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB was our priority.

I have additionally attached for your information an exchange of correspondence I had with the Chair of the Gower Society following the confirmation of the Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB extension late last year.

Reference was also made in your recent meeting to evidence given to the Environment & Sustainability Committee about slow responses by CCW to energy development proposals. Prior to these allegations being made, CCW had not received any complaints regarding such matters and, following discussions with the company concerned, I have submitted a supplementary note to the inquiry detailing the very high level of engagement my local staff had with them during the consideration of their proposals and a copy of the letter of thanks that was received by them for their efforts. I am sure that your members who are also members of the E&S Committee will be able to update you on this matter.

Please let me know if there is any further way that I can help with the Committee's work.

Yours sincerely

Roger Thomas
Chief Executive



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