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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 26 April regarding a summary of consideration of petitions P-04-472 Make the MTAN law and P-04-575 Call in all opencast mining applications.

I acknowledge the detailed considerations which the Committee has given to the issues raised in the petitions. The Welsh Government has committed to substantial emissions reductions and renewable energy targets as part of its decarbonisation agenda. As a result I am consulting on a revised Planning Policy Wales which significantly strengthens planning policy in relation to coal.

I fully support the conclusions in the report which the Committee has reached. In particular, I welcome and encourage the petitioners, local communities and others with an interest to submit their views to the consultation on Planning Policy Wales prior to the May 18 closing date.

I look forward to debating the report in plenary in due course.

Regards
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