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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1476  
Ein cyf/Our ref RE/00849/25

Carolyn Thomas MS  
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter regarding Petition P-06-1476: *1000 metre mandatory buffer zone for all new and existing quarries.*

As I have previously outlined, the principles contained in MTAN1 are still valid. MTAN1 provides comprehensive planning policy which is robust in controlling the impacts of quarrying. It should be read in conjunction with Planning Policy Wales which is kept under regular review, and which sets out the general policies for all mineral development.

It is not appropriate for the Welsh Government to determine a list of things that may or may not be considered evidence. Members and stakeholders need to determine themselves what matters they feel are relevant to demonstrate and support any specific amendments to policy and submit that information for consideration.

In the Senedd debate in June, I set out that if colleagues consider that the content of MTAN1 is out of date then the Welsh Government would need them to provide the evidence.

Yours sincerely,

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