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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1525
Ein cyf/Our ref HIDCC/01942/25

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions committee

12 November 2025

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your correspondence of 15 October on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding the progress of the Monmouthshire & Brecon canal's Task and Finish Group.

I am very aware of the concerns raised by businesses, residents, and communities whose livelihoods depend on the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal. As stated in my previous correspondence, I share your commitment to safeguarding the canal's economic, cultural, and environmental value.

Building on the investment in infrastructure we announced earlier in the summer, which is a necessary pre-requisite to any longer term water supply agreement, my officials are in active discussion with partners on addressing the ongoing cost of supplying water to the canal. The aim is to have positive progress to report at the Ministerial Group I am chairing on 17 November. In addition, work continues on further options to augment supply at other points on the canal. The work is supported by key experts from all the relevant organisations to identify both practical and lasting solutions.

Welsh Government remains fully engaged in this process and I am grateful for the positive engagement we have had from all partners.

We recognise the value of the canal to local people, nature and the economy and, particularly, the pressing nature of the situation for canal-based businesses and the wider community. I am hopeful we are now moving towards a viable solution.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Thank you again for writing to me regarding this important matter. I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

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