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Dear David

Thank you for your letter 21 September advising me that the Petitions Committee had received a petition from The Port Talbot Super Prison Protest Group.

I recognise the strength of the petitioners' views.

The UK Government is responsible for prisons. The Welsh Government was approached by the Ministry of Justice, as part of an exercise across England and Wales, to see if we knew of any land that could be developed. We often respond to enquiries of this kind from potential developers and we therefore supplied a list of 20 possible sites for their consideration.

The Ministry of Justice will decide where they wish to build a prison and whether to go further on this site. They have committed to listening to local people with a two day community consultation event.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

Should the Ministry of Justice then decide to proceed with a planning application, this will be considered by Neath Port Talbot Council. As with all planning applications, this will provide an opportunity for residents to put their views to councillors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carl Sargeant', written in black ink on a light background.

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