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Eich cyf/Your ref: P-04-674
Ein cyf/Our ref: LA-/00182/16

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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 21 March regarding the further comments from the petitioner in respect of Petition P-04-674, Say No to Dyfed.

As I outlined in my Written Ministerial Statement of 15 March, consultation on the Draft Local Government (Wales) Bill and our preference for the future configuration of Local Authorities in Wales closed on 15 February. 187 responses to the consultation were received from a range of stakeholder organisations and individuals.

An initial analysis of the responses to the consultation has been undertaken, which has shown a wide range of views on the proposal to reduce the number of Local Authorities and no clear consensus on the future structure. Further analysis of the responses will take place in the coming weeks. The comments of the petitioner, together with the responses received to the consultation will be taken into account as the Bill is prepared for consideration by the new Welsh Government. It will be for the next Government to decide how it wishes to proceed.

Best wishes,

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