

## **P-05-819 Welsh Place Names – Protection & Promotion Bill, 26.10.18**

Thank you for your email.

I have indeed received the response, and although it is a detailed response, I don't think these measures go far enough.

We need legislation to ensure that:

- Welsh place names are protected by law, i.e. old house names (e.g. over 50 years old) are not changed
- New developments receive a Welsh only name in keeping with the area as part of the planning process. There are numerous examples of inappropriate place names which give the impression that they are deliberately used to make them feel separate from the local area
- Protection for old place names
- Guidance for public bodies to use the proper Welsh names rather than new adopted names e.g. Porth Neigwl rather than Hell's Mouth

The argument that this cannot be policed is a weak one. There are many areas of legislation which are in fact very difficult to police, but are however in effect.

I have CC'd Sian Gwenllian (Local AM) and would like this matter to be considered again.

Kind Regards,

Dr Dafydd Williams

### **Additional Comments Received on 28 October 2018**

I would like to add these to my reply; goes a way to explaining the issue courtesy of the BBC:

<https://www.facebook.com/BBCCymruWales/videos/1848732175188194/>

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