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Dear William,

Thank you for the letter from the Petitions Committee dated 21 May regarding the petition submitted to the National Assembly for Wales urging the Welsh Government to designate Penrhos Coastal Park, Holyhead, as a National Nature Reserve (NNR) and asking for my views on the petition. I apologise for the delayed response.

In Wales, designation of NNRs is a matter for the Countryside Council for Wales (CCW).

They are designated under either the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949, or the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. NNRs demonstrate the very finest examples of our wildlife habitats and geological features. They are designated to conserve, and to allow people to study, flora, fauna or geological features of special interest. All of Wales's NNRs are also Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs).

The Penrhos Coastal Park is not a SSSI and does not have geology or habitats of national significance which are necessary in order to designate the site as a National Nature Reserve.

Ms Jones may wish to contact CCW to discuss this matter further. They can be contacted by post at CCW, Maes-y-Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DW or by email at Enquiries@ccw.gov.uk

Best wishes,

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