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Mr Jack Sargeant MS Chair Petitions Committee

Sent via e-mail: petitions@senedd.wales

Dear Mr Sargeant

Petition P-06-1337 Sycharth, the home of Owain Glyndŵr, should be bought to safeguard the site for future generations

Thank you for your letter of the 25th October 2023 regarding the above.

Whilst the erection of traffic signs within the highway on the county roads maybe a matter for the County Council as Highway Authority, the request for traffic signing to tourism destinations would need to be applied for, and funded, by the destination's owner/operator.

However, tourism signing is normally only considered where there is a significant number of people visiting a site and there is adequate parking at that facility to cater for those visitors.

I understand the need to have adequate signage to our prominent and important historical sites but the parking facility at Sycharth is very limited and to positively sign people to this location may encourage more visitors than can be accommodated. As the Deputy Minister for Economy commented 'huge visitor numbers might in fact be detrimental' and 'that the narrow access roads provide a challenge'.

I respectfully suggest that given the scale of the attraction, its parking and accessibility, it would not be considered as a destination that meets the requirement for tourism signing.

Yours sincerely

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