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Dear William

**RE: Make MTAN Law Petition**

Thank for your letter dated March 2014 seeking further comment regarding the application of guidance in the Coal MTAN.

In terms of consistency of application of the guidance in MTAN2, Local Planning Authorities (LPA) in many parts of Wales work collaboratively on Minerals and Waste Planning. In practice, this means officers in one LPA processing applications on behalf of another local authority which results in a more consistent approach. A good example of a collaborative approach is highlighted by an application being dealt with by Caerphilly CBC (CCBC) for a site at Nant Llesg above Rhymney. As a direct result of this application, a meeting was arranged with Mineral Planning Officers from neighbouring LPAs enabling CCBC to draw on their knowledge and experience.

We would reiterate that each case must be dealt with on its own individual merits and that LPAs should have the flexibility to work with applicants to seek the best outcome given the local economic, social and environmental circumstances.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

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