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Dear William Powell AM,

Thank you for your letter to Cadw's Director about petition P-04-562 Caernarfon Heritage Centre and subsequent correspondence from the petitioner. I am responding as Heritage is within my portfolio.

I have already provided a response to a previous request through the Petition's Committee on the 24th of October. In the response I noted that significant investment and activity has and is continuing through Cadw and key partners in developing, improving and enhancing the heritage offer within Caernarfon. This of course includes innovative projects such as the recently successful grant funding bid by Gwynedd Council to the Arts Council of Wales to develop the Ideas, People Places programme, whereby the arts and regeneration activity will be integrated in partnership with the local community to try and interpret local heritage in new and exciting ways.

As previously outlined, although I would be supportive of the development of a new heritage centre in Caernarfon, this would have to be locally led and funded in order for such a venture to have long term financial sustainability.

Relevant officials in Cadw and CyMAL who have experience and knowledge of Caernarfon and relevant key developments will be available to meet and provide advice and guidance should the Civic Society wish to pursue this. The appropriate contacts to arrange such a meeting are Linda Tomos, Director of CyMAL (telephone: 0300 062 2098) and Laurence Smith, Heritage and Regeneration manager for North Wales (telephone: 01286 662314). I would suggest that the Civic Society also invite relevant Gwynedd Council officials to any proposed meeting.

Yours ever,

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