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**APPENDIX 4(c)**

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Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 15 October, regarding the Denbighshire County Council Communities Scrutiny Committee's report on the Lantysilio Mountain Fire and the Sustainable Farming and our Land consultation and for the report.

It will be considered along with all other consultation responses. A summary of the consultation responses will be published in due course. I am not able to comment on future policy decisions at this point as we are still within a consultation period, however I do agree on the importance of grazing levels and hefted flocks to the maintenance of our habitats and landscapes is a major consideration as we develop future land management policy.

With regards to the incident, I understand from Natural Resources Wales they welcome the recommendations contained within the report. NRW acknowledges the need to work with other bodies, groups and individuals in addressing concerns raised as part of the post incident review. Following the fire, NRW themselves has commissioned a report entitled Llantysilio Mountain Fire Preliminary Assessment and SSSI Management Recommendations. This will be published soon.

Whilst recognising the cost implications to your authority and other agencies of restoration work caused by the fire local authorities have statutory functions to deal with emergencies and are required to plan accordingly.

Regards  
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