



Your ref: WQ/95376

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Dear Siân,

I am writing in response to the Written Question you tabled on 6 January.

Will Iaith Cyf's report commissioned by Cadw on methods of protecting Welsh place names, including statutory methods, discuss the names of places in the natural environment? (WQ95376)

Cadw, acting in cooperation with Cymraeg 2050, commissioned IAITH Cyf to gather detailed information on where, how and why place names have changed across Wales in recent years. The aim of the research was to create a robust body of evidence that would inform the Welsh Government's next steps in promoting and safeguarding Welsh place names. The built environment has formed the primary focus of the research, and the results promise to give us a clearer understanding of how property and business names are changing across Wales. Only limited attention has been given to the broad and complex subject of topographical names in the report.

Yours sincerely,

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