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Dear Delyth,

In plenary on Wednesday 16 December, I undertook to write to you once I had received a response from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regarding the concerns you raised about plastic contamination at the Bryn Group in Gelliargwellt Uchaf.

I wrote to NRW on 11 December and in response Claire Pillman, Chief Executive of NRW, has advised me in order to address the concerns an in-depth site investigation is required. They have notified the site operator of their intention to carry out this work and are procuring the relevant expertise to undertake the investigation. Furthermore, they have been in direct contact with members of the public who have contacted them, either directly or through their Incident Report line, to provide feedback and updates. They appreciate the desire of residents to protect their local environment and are working hard to address their concerns.

NRW will continue to respond to any further reported incidents directly and are working with the Local Authority to support their engagement with the local community.

In view of the fact there is ongoing action taken by NRW, I do not believe it is appropriate to initiate an independent investigation at this time. I hope this re-assures you appropriate action is being taken and I have asked NRW to keep me informed of progress.

Yours sincerely

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