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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Petitions Committee seeking views raised in Petition P-06-1174 requesting consideration of the request to stop the Welsh Government and public groups from making Wales a Nation of Sanctuary and to cease support for some of the most vulnerable in our society.

Equality and human rights are the cornerstone of the Welsh Government and our vision for Wales. They are also the cornerstone of our national identity. I do not believe that the strength of what it is to be Welsh is defined by a desire to turn a blind eye, but by a compassion that is so profoundly entrenched in our identities. It was no doubt that compassion and care for one another, particularly during these remarkably difficult times, which led to more people than ever choosing to put their faith in this Government once again.

The Nation of Sanctuary plan was developed through a three month open consultation which commenced on 22 March 2018 and concluded on 25 June 2018. We met and listened to people seeking sanctuary and public services across Wales, both before and during the consultation. The consultation was also open to the public to comment. A copy of the consultation summary of responses can be found [here](#). As the report makes clear “Overall, the consultation responses demonstrate substantial support for the draft Nation of Sanctuary proposals.”

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Nation of Sanctuary plan is about ensuring people seeking sanctuary can rebuild their lives here. It is about ensuring they can become a part of our communities and can utilise their skills and experience to the fullest extent. This Government remains steadfast in our commitment to the Nation of Sanctuary plan and to the people it seeks to support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane', with a horizontal line above it.

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