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26 February 2025

Dear [NRW official – name redacted: personal information],

Variation to Award of Funding in relation to *undertaking the designation programme for a new National Park in north-east Wales*

This letter follows a request submitted by NRW to vary the Award of Funding Letter dated 14 June 2022 and subsequent variation dated 28 November 2022 and 22 July 2024, by increasing the value of the grant in 2025-26 from £700,000 to £753,672. This additional funding is specifically to enable you to award a contract for ***Planning Services Review in the context of a proposed National Park in Wales*** which we have identified as a key piece of the designation programme.

I can confirm that we are content to vary the grant as requested given the need to contract this important additional element of work in 2025-26.

Terms defined in the Award of Funding Letter shall have the same meaning when used in this letter.

With effect from 21 February 2025, unless otherwise stated, the Award of Funding Letter shall be varied as follows:

In 1. Award of Funding (a) **the total funding award is to be increased by £53,672, from £2,483,090 to £2,536,762.**

Schedule 1 in the variation letter of 22 July 2024 is now replaced by a new Schedule 1 appended to this variation letter.

Please return the signed copy of this letter for this change to take effect.

Sincerely,

[WG official – name and job title redacted: personal information]

under authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Local Government & Planning



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TWO SIGNATORIES ARE REQUIRED

We hereby accept the variation of Funding [**National Park Designation programme for Natural Resources Wales**] and the Conditions relating to the Funding

_____ Signature

An authorised signatory of **Natural Resources Wales**

Name

Job Title

Date

_____ Signature

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Name

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Date

SCHEDULE 1 The Purposes (Amended)

The purpose of the grant funding in 2025-26 is to continue the formal designation programme, to consider the case for a new National Park in Wales. Specifically, it will enable the delivery of the following:

Retention of the programme team.
Commission the additional work as follows: <i>Planning Services Review in the context of a proposed National Park in Wales</i>
Continue to maintain and update the information webpage outlining the designation process, manage enquiries. Continue to update and liaise with the range of stakeholders. Maintain advisory groups until appropriate end.
Review public consultation 2024 and amend proposal and/or mapping in liaison with key stakeholders. Seeking to resolve issues and achieve the best possible outcomes.
Present the evidence base to NRW board for approval & Desirability to Designate decision.
Present a final boundary with associated evidence, in a statutory consultation and notification period.
Complete Health impact assessment, Equalities impact assessment, Welsh Language impact assessment. With contingency for additional assessment such as benefits analysis to supplement identified requirements to inform a Welsh Government decision in 2026.
Assemble evidence, prepare Designation Order and submit to Welsh Government.
Support Welsh Government through a transition period up to 31 March 2026. Provide advice, support interpretation of evidence, support management of enquiries and media interest, liaison with stakeholders.
Analyze integrated mapping data and prepare a report outlining a proposed strategy for future landscape management in Wales. The report will impartially and fairly assess all existing designation campaigns in Wales, and any other areas of opportunity identified through analysis.