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RE: Designation of Local Nature Reserve

I am writing on behalf of Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council to inform you that the land you lease from the council has been designated and declared as a Local Nature Reserve.

The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 says that "For a site to become a Local Nature Reserve it must have natural features of special interest to the local area, and the authority must either have a legal interest in the land or have an agreement with the owner to manage the land as a reserve." Local Authorities have the power to designate Local Nature Reserves on any land in their area, provided that the power is exercised in consultation with NRW (Appendix 1 shows form to submit to NRW when council approved).

Declaration and designation contributes to the duty placed on us by the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 to 'seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity' and 'to promote the resilience of ecosystems'.

This does not affect your current lease with us.

If you would like further information about the ecological management or public access to the Local Nature Reserve, or any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

Kind regards,

Mae'r Cyngor yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a Saesneg a byddwn yn cyfathrebu gyda chi yn eich dewis iaith, dim ond i chi rhoi gwybod i ni pa un sydd well gennych. Ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn creu unrhyw oedi.

The Council welcomes correspondence in Welsh and English and we will communicate with you in the language of your choice, as long as you let us know which you prefer. Corresponding in Welsh will not lead to any delay.