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Copied to:  
Roisin Willmott  
Chair  
Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee

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Dear Neil,

**Re: Recommendations arising from NICW flooding report**

In October 2024, NICW published a [report and a set of recommendations on making Wales more resilient to flooding by 2050](#). Since then we have continued to advocate for the changes that are needed. We have presented our work at several fora, we wrote to the previous Chair of Natural Resources Wales (NRW) in [January 2025](#), and we've had several productive discussions with Welsh Government and the Deputy First Minister.

The flooding report contains 17 radical but practical recommendations. The two overarching themes are nature and community; we believe that working with nature, and empowering and encouraging community resilience will be critical in the coming decades. Many recommendations are relevant for NRW, with implications for governance as well as policy.

Throughout our work we've had considerable input and support from NRW staff, for which we are very grateful. We also had a productive discussion with your flood committee prior to the launch of the report and welcomed their support for our recommendations.

Although Welsh Government welcomed our report, we have been frustrated at the pace of adoption of our recommendations. We understand that three areas are currently under development.

1. Consideration of a flood forum for Wales
2. Scaling up catchment approach
3. Exploring funding for nature based solutions through the sustainable farming scheme

Relevant to the topic of flooding, particularly in the longer term, has been our work on Nature Guardianship. When we last wrote to you in November, it was to invite you to the showcase event and workshop that we held in January. We were pleased to see NRW represented there in numbers. We have a [range of resources available](#) to support decision-making on the topic on our website should this be of further interest.

We believe that we can play a positive, future-focused role in convening discussions between different stakeholders, and we would be delighted to support any action by NRW and others to help improve Wales' resilience to flooding. We would be particularly keen to support your work where it aligns with our own recommendations.

Yn gywir,

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Cadeirydd/Chair



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