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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter dated March 2015 and received on 21 April 2015 regarding the Cardiff University Ornithological Society's petition on monitoring of the guillemot population at Skomer Island. I have noted the concerns raised by the petitioner about the data collected by the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC).

The guillemot monitoring undertaken by the JNCC and the Wildlife Trust, who carry out the work on its behalf, is part of a comprehensive study of seabird species on the island. In response to the 2011 report to which the petitioner refers, I am assured that the methodology used to monitor guillemots has been reviewed and improved. As I mentioned in my previous reply, Natural Resources Wales will continue to keep seabird monitoring needs under review.

I view the health of all seabird populations at Skomer, including guillemots, as important in understanding the condition of our marine environment. I am sure that the recent colony extensions at Skokholm and Skomer will further safeguard these populations and that the results from this monitoring survey will continue to track their growth.

Yours sincerely



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