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Dear William

I am writing in response to your letter of 4 December regarding Conscientious Objectors Day in Wales.

While I appreciate the view of the petitioners, there is an established Conscientious Objectors Day held on 15 May each year, around which a range of activity takes place, driven by appropriate organisations and groups. For example, in 2016, the Welsh Government will be supporting Wales Centre for International Affairs and the Quakers in bringing the *Faith and Action* exhibition to Wales.

It is perhaps fitting to continue this approach, as it relates to an issue that is driven so much by the beliefs and tenets of individuals. I am sure Welsh Government Ministers would wish to be involved in events that are planned on 15 May, but I would suggest that an organised official response would not be appropriate in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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