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Dear Mr Hedges AM

## RE: Petition P-04-691 - A Fair Deal for Forest rallying in Wales

Many thanks for your letter dated the 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Since the date you received this petition, Natural Resources Wales has worked closely with Rally4Wales to come up with an affordable and sustainable way for rallying to continue on the Welsh Government Woodland Estate.

Throughout those discussions Rally4Wales accepted that Natural Resources Wales is not seeking to profit from repairing roads following rally events, and that the proposed charges are in line with the costs incurred by NRW. We have worked constructively on an affordable proposal from Rally4Wales to carry out road repairs following rallies on behalf of the Motor Sports Association (MSA) and its member clubs.

NRW, the MSA & Rally4Wales have reached agreement in principle on a way forward, and we are now working together through the finer contractual points that would enable the proposal to proceed in a safe, sustainable and legally compliant manner.

Yours sincerely

**Tim Jones** 

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