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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 26 November regarding a petition from Martyn Hooper, Chair of the Richard Price Society to develop Tynton Farm, Llangeinor, Bridgend as a Visitor and Information Centre.

In the development of Wales's built heritage there are opportunities to develop unique experiences that help tell the story of Wales's wide heritage and culture. In terms of finance for a visitor centre, although we would be interested in discussing the proposal further, funding of property purchase is not eligible under the Tourism Investment Support Scheme (TISS). In view of a competitive project pipeline, support is dependent on the number of direct jobs created by projects.

Given the significance of the property and the potential that the Richard Price Society feels it has, we would advise that they consider exploring the opportunities of Heritage Lottery Funding for the project. Projects work best where there are other local community links and connections to existing attractions that have visitor facilities in place. Being able to cross refer visitors to other things to do in the area creates interest and helps develop visitor dwell time. It is possible that Dr Richard Price's significance has already been picked up by the local authority destination marketing or development plan, and I would direct the Society to pursue this further with Bridgend County Borough Council.

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