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Dear Mr Day,

Thank you for your email of 29th January to Ken Skates AM, Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism. I have been asked to reply.

We do not dispute that there has been ancient statute covering navigation issues dating back to the Magna Carta or even earlier. The question is whether these are still relevant and whether they prove beyond doubt that navigation rights exist on all rivers. The evidence you provide in your document seems to indicate that navigation has historically been determined on a case by case (river by river) basis.

It is not for the Welsh Ministers or their officials to provide legal advice to the public on this or any other matter. It would be for the courts to decide the merits of any claim in relation to recreational navigation rights on Welsh rivers.

Yours sincerely

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