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**Re: Littering on North Shore Beach**

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Dear Cabinet Member, Don,

It is with the utmost concern that I write to you following a recent beach clean I held with Ms Clare Reed of the Marine Conservation Society (MCS). This was at the west end of the North Shore, Llandudno, and I am proud to inform you that our team of 20 volunteers removed 27kg of waste.

During the event, all in attendance were keeping record of the litter found. This was being done primarily so that our work could contribute towards the monitoring being undertaken by MCS as part of their Beachwatch project – a scheme which is helping people across the British isles care for the coastline. However, the clean and data also revealed a major issue which poses a significant threat to people and wildlife using our beach: hundreds of cigarette stubs were found. The severity of the situation is apparent when considering that one team of three removed 308!

Given that some individuals are clearly choosing to use the beach as an ashtray, I would be very grateful if you could investigate the situation and explain what measures could be taken by Conwy County Borough Council so to tackle this problem for the benefit of all people and wildlife who live in and visit Llandudno.

Yours sincerely

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