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Private and Confidential Re: Marl Lane Planning Application

Dear Minister, Lesley,

I am writing with regards to planning application 0/43059 of Conwy County Borough Council, and APP/T6905/A/17/3188913 of Planning Inspectorate Wales. This concerns the proposed residential development comprising of 110 dwellings and associated works on land at the corner of Pentywyn Road and Marl Lane, Llandudno Junction.

My serious concern about the application, and belief that planning should not be granted, ought to be well known to you, especially following my plenary contribution on 11 December 2018. Despite your refusal to make any comment on this specific planning application then, I do believe that the situation has developed to such an extent that you as the Minister with responsibility for Planning do need to answer for the perceived injustice that is currently underway.

Following the introduction of Planning Policy Wales (Edn 10) I understand that both the appellant and the local authority have been asked to submit further comments to the Planning Inspectorate with regards to this specific application. Indeed, to my knowledge, no comments have been sought from any other interested party – including myself and those who selflessly gave evidence at the inquest in September. Whilst I appreciate that there might not be a legal requirement for the the Inspectorate to seek comments from everyone, I believe that not to do so is farcical and a grave disrespect to the communities we seek to represent. Indeed, it seems that the final decision could now be significantly influenced by the comments of two parties, rather than those of over 1,300 people.

Mi wnaiff Janet Finch-Saunders cadw unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol yn gwbl gyfrinachol, ac fel arfer mi fydd rhaid iddi rannu'r wybodaeth 'efo aelodau o staff i'w galluogi nhw i ddelio 'efo'r awdurdodau perthnasol er mwyn eich helpu a'ch cynorthwyo chi. Efallai mi fydd angen i rywun ysgrifennu atoch er mwyn darparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf o bwys. Gadwch wybod i ni os nad oes diddordeb gennych mewn cael eich cysylltu at y diben hwn.

Janet Finch-Saunders will treat in confidence any personal information which you may pass on to her, and she will normally allow her staff to see it, so that they can consult with relevant authorities in order to help and advise you. We may wish to write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues which you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose.

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Given the above, and the fact that the decision has now allegedly been postponed until January, I would be very grateful if you could kindly advise why the Welsh Government does not deem it necessary for Planning Inspectorate Wales to consult with all interested parties when there has been a significant legal change, and explain what penalties the Planning Inspectorate will face for missing the Ministerial deadline. More so, given the delay, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for representations based on the new law to be invited from all interested parties.

Yours sincerely

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