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Re: Planning Application 0/45515

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Dear Leader of the Council, Gareth,

I am writing with regards to concerns about planning application 0/45515 – the erection of a new activity building and on-site accommodation through the development of a 106-bedroom Hotel at Surf Snowdonia, Conway Road, Dolgarrog, LL32 8QE.

The development has been recommended for approval. Indeed, this is an exciting development, especially as the hotel could have a very positive impact on the local and national economy.

As you might be aware, in the addendum report it is advised that a financial contribution of £100,000 should be made to the local authority for 'highway improvement works on the B5279 (between Tyn y Groes and Tal y Cafn)'. Given the number of pinch points along this route, and my understanding that it will provide one of the principal routes to the hotel from A470 trunk road, I agree that it is necessary to improve the road.

Given the above, I was extremely surprised to have been advised the following by Mr Andrew Wilkinson, Environment, Roads & Facilities, Conwy County Borough Council: 'There are no current plans to undertake any improvement scheme on the B5279. This is because there is not a sufficient business case that would satisfy the criteria for the Welsh Government funding that the Council is reliant upon to deliver such schemes'.

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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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Clearly, the proposed Section 106 agreement conflicts with the information provided by Mr Wilkinson. Whilst I am awaiting a response from Mrs Paula Jones, Development and Building Control Manager, I would be very grateful if you could kindly arrange for the communities who would be affected by the potential increase in traffic on and usage of the B5279 if the application is approved, are provided with clarity as to whether or not the £100,000 would be going towards highway improvements on this specific road, what these improvements would be, and by when you would expect your authority to have implemented them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Janet', written in dark ink.

Janet Finch-Saunders AM/AC