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Re: Local Footpath Maintenance Concerns

Dear Geraint,

I hope this letter finds you and your team well.

Following a number of concerns that have recently been raised with my office about the maintenance of footpaths on the Little Orme. Whilst the area is perhaps not as popular as the Great Orme, it is still a very worthy walk in its own right. Climbing to a height of 141m, with wonderful views over Penrhyn Bay and the surrounding area, walkers can find exposed limestone cliffs formed, I am told, from over 320 million years ago. As you are well aware, it is also great for flora and fauna with breeding fulmars and rock-rose orchids to look out for along the route. The area also includes the NWWT's Nature Reserve where you can observe a variety of sea birds and the seals in Angel Bay.

As we look forward to a green recovery from the Coronavirus pandemic, the championing of such footpaths to bolster our relationship with nature should look to take centre stage. This is particularly the case in the year of CBD COP15. For this reason, I am concerned to hear that a particular stretch of this walkway has reportedly become overgrown with brambles and nettles. The stretch in question is about 100 yards in length and passes between two fields. It is signed with yellow footpath markers.

I have been informed by constituents that CCBC is currently maintaining the other part of the path to an excellent standard, and so I would be most grateful if you could write with confirmation as to whether a review of the decision to allow nature to take hold of this later portion will be undertaken. I would also be most pleased to receive a brief explanation of how the local authority is looking to increase accessibility onto the Little Orme, so that local connection with nature can be increased.

I look forward to hearing from you so that reassurances may be provided to those constituents who have raised concerns. Should you have any further questions or concerns about the above requests, please do not hesitate to get in contact. In the meantime, please do accept my best wishes for the health and well-being of you and your team at this time.

Yours sincerely,

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