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Dear Mrs Finch-Saunders,

Playgrounds in Llanrwst

Thank you for your recent enquiry, on behalf of your constituent, regarding inclusive play equipment and accessibility to play areas in Llanrwst and the Conwy Valley.

We would like to draw your attention to the recent and on-going improvements to the play areas within area and where inclusivity and accessibility has been improved.

Following the 2019 floods in Llanrwst, which devastated the Pen y Dre play area, as part of the repair work we have installed an inclusive 'basket' style swing which can be used by children of all abilities alike. We have also installed a self-closing safety gate giving improved access for wheelchairs and push-chairs. This play area also has a wheelchair accessible picnic table and suitable pathways to the play equipment.

In the play area off Gower Road in Trefriw we have recently installed 2 new safety gates and improved safety surfacing. This play area also has an inclusive 'basket' style swing.

In March 2022, installation will begin on new inclusive play equipment in the Pentre Du play area in Betws-y-Coed. The installation includes a new inclusive roundabout, a basket swing, a new safety gate and improvements to the access pathway.

We would also like to make you aware that we have also been approached by the owners of a local holiday let business in Llanrwst offering to help finance some inclusive play equipment within Llanrwst. This offer had come about after a conversation was held between a member of the business and an impacted resident.

The good news is that we have already progressed with identifying a suitable piece of play equipment and a location. The proposal is to install an inclusive roundabout in the play area off Cae Felin and Pen y Dre in Llanrwst. Out of the five play areas within Llanrwst town, we feel that this is the best location as it is accessible without crossing the river, which is a concern to local residents due to the narrowness of the bridge and lack of a pavement. The Pen y Dre Play Area is also the largest and only play area with enough land and suitable access for the proposed equipment.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ymateb i unrhyw ohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at unrhyw oedi.

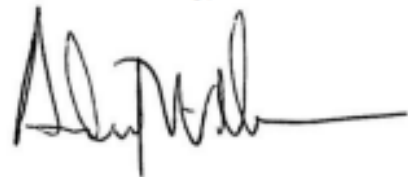
We welcome correspondence in Welsh. We will respond to any correspondence in Welsh which will not lead to a delay.

Please be assured that we consider inclusivity when making improvements to any of the play areas within the county of Conwy.

We would appreciate feedback from yourself regarding our proposals in Llanrwst. We will also be approaching Llanrwst Town Council for their approval for the proposed improvements.

Should you require any additional information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.B. Edwards', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

For G.B. Edwards
Head of Environment, Roads & Facilities