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Cllr Dilwyn Roberts

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Ref: TYH/JFS/HM

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**Re: Angel Bay Seals**

Dear Cllr Roberts, Dilwyn,

I am writing to ask you to consider bringing forward a voluntary Code of Conduct for water vessels / recreational boats in the Angel Bay area, by Llandudno's Little Orme.

As you may be aware, there is a sizeable population of seals who make their home here. While this is a wonderful attraction for locals and tourists alike, I am concerned that the actions of a few may be causing some harm to the species.

During the pupping seasons (early August – late October), the seals are especially vulnerable. A voluntary Code of Conduct would seek to ensure that boats slow down gradually to a minimum speed when encountering seals, (or dolphins, porpoises, etc.) and that extra care is taken to avoid disturbing animals with young.

A similar scheme has been in place in Ceredigion since 1992, and has proved both successful and popular. More details of this can be found at: <http://www.cbmwc.org/wildlife/code-of-conduct/>

Extending the Code of Conduct to include walkers and dog owners, to prevent them disturbing the seals on land, would be beneficial to all parties also.

I have discussed this with Mr Scott Fryer of Wildlife Trust Wales, who has offered to share further information with you. Mr Fryer can be contacted on [sfryer@wtwales.org](mailto:sfryer@wtwales.org).

I very much look forward to your thoughts on how this can be taken forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet".

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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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