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CLlr Susan Lloyd-Williams
Planning Committee, Chair
Conwy County Borough Council
By email

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Re: Planning Application 0/43059

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Dear Chair,

I am writing further to my letters of September 2016, and August 2017 (copies of which are attached for your reference^{1,2}) to further confirm my objections to this application.

I note from the many objections received to this application that the level of local concern with regards to the potential impact on the water and sewage treatment works in the area. On this point, I note that Dwr Cymru have advised that 'no surface water and/or land drainage shall be allowed to connect directly or indirectly with the public sewerage network' so as 'to prevent the hydraulic overhauling of the public sewerage system'. Further, NRW have noted their disappointment 'that such a large housing scheme has not carried out any infiltration tests to determine if surface water can be discharged into the ground in accordance with the drainage hierarchy under the building regulations' and that discharge to a watercourse could 'increase flood risk elsewhere'.

Additionally, the potential impact on local public services is noted as a concern by many, notably for schools and GP services. As noted in the CCBC Education Services response to this planning consultation, the 'additional demand for school places created by the development would place very severe strain on Ysgol Deganwy'.

Further, the potential impact on GP and dentist provision in the area is of concern – as noted in previous correspondence from myself, the representations of local County Councillor Mike Priestley, and numerous local residents in their objections. For example, Deganwy Medical Centre, I understand, now has just two GPs, down from five previously, and has been placed under special measures by the Local Health Board. Further, issues regarding local recruitment and retention of GPs (and more widely across north Wales) are well known.

I note the intention for the Committee to be addressed by a Member of the Health Board, and would urge that no decision can be made on this application until after such a representation has been heard.

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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 ddellio '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.

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The level of local objection is considerable, and I remain firmly in objection to this application, and I request that this letter is placed before the Planning Committee today for their consideration on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Encs. ¹ Letter to Planning Committee, Sept 2016
² Letter to Planning Committee, August 2017