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

Ref: TYH/JFS/HM-0/43059
9th October 2017

Re: Planning Application 0/43059

Dear Chairman,

I am writing further to my letters of 26th September 2016, 9th August 2017 and 12th September 2017 (copies of which are attached for your reference^{1,2,3}) to further confirm my objections to this application.

I note the concerns raised by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in relation to GP provision. In their submission with regards to this application⁴, they state that:

“[Population growth as a result of this development] could amount to approaching 3,000 additional individuals which would require up to 2 additional GPs for the area, in a time of challenging recruitment and increasing levels of demand.”

Further, it is noted that:

“GP practices covering Deganwy and Llandudno Junction have existing GP capacity and recruitment challenges and one practice in the area is now directly managed by the Health Board... Any significant rise in population [in Deganwy] will have an impact on the accessibility of health facilities in the area in the absence of any support to enhance those services.”

Additionally, there remain serious concern with regards to the applications deviation from TAN 24, TAN 5, CTH/1, CTH/2, DP/6 (with regards to Planning Policy Wales 6.5.5, 6.5.11, 6.5.26 and 6.5.27), TAN 15, NTE/8, NTE/9, and TAN 18. See attached note⁵.

With regards to housing number concerns – there remain a considerable number of empty homes within the local authority area, the figures for which appear to remain relatively steady at over 1,500 at any one time. I strongly feel that the use of these assets – a vital resource in tackling the housing crisis faced across Wales – i.e. bringing such homes back into use, should be a priority of the local authority in addressing concerns relating to housing numbers.

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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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Furthr to this also, I have called on the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs to reconsider the changes made to TAN 1 in terms of the methodology used to calculate housing land supply. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the Cabinet Secretary⁶ (response pending) and copies of my Written Assembly Questions (WAQs) to her (response received)⁷.

As noted previously, the level of local objection is considerable. It remains a concern that the meeting to discuss this application is unable to be webcast to allow all 1,300 objectors to view the proceedings, although the Council Leader has kindly provided me with an explanation as to why this is, unfortunately, the case. I remain firmly in objection to this application, and I request that this letter is placed before the Planning Committee for the meeting on Wednesday 11th October 2017, 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
³ Letter to Planning Committee, Sept 2017
⁴ BCUHB comments to Planning department, May and Sept 2017
⁵ Note: Planning Policies
⁶ Letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs, September 2017
⁷ WAQ74200 and WAQ74201: Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs