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Re: Llandudno North Shore Beach

Dear First Minister, Carwyn,

Following your recent Party Conference, I sincerely hope that you and your colleagues enjoyed the wonderful hospitality that my home town of Llandudno is proud to offer.

I am sure also, that you will have noticed the condition of the North Shore beach – previously a beautiful sandy stretch, now sadly suffering as a result of the dumping of quarry rocks along its length, as part of ‘flood prevention works’.

These works, at a cost of some £1.4m to the Welsh Government, and intended to be maintenance-free, yet actually imposing ongoing costs council taxpayers for maintenance and up-keep, remain highly contentious within the town. I am sure you will recall the opposition of 1,000s of local residents registered at the time of the original works in 2014. You will also recall me raising this matter in the Chamber on numerous occasions, such is the strength of feeling held by both myself and my constituents on this vitally important issue for our town. [See attachments¹.]

Furthermore, many in the hospitality business are concerned about the ongoing impact the loss of our sandy beach will have on the tourism industry here; and meanwhile, debris and rotting sealife, caught up in the rocks, are decaying, and producing unsanitary and unsavoury conditions – not the sandy play paradise once so-loved by young and old alike.

My purpose in writing to you is to implore you, in drawing to a close your time as First Minister of Wales, to work with Conwy County Borough Council to ensure that our much-valued beach is returned to its sandy glory once more, in a sustainable and environmentally sound manner. Such an achievement would be so valued by our residents and business owners, as well as the thousands of tourists who visit Llandudno each year. I await your urgent response.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ Further information re: Llandudno North Shore beach works