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Dear Janet Finch-Saunders MS,

Thank you for your letter of 5 September regarding Llandudno North Shore.

Conwy County Borough Council are the Risk Management Authority responsible for developing proposals to reduce the risk of flooding at Llandudno. The local authority submitted an outline business case to Welsh Government, seeking funding from the Coastal Risk Management Programme to develop a flood alleviation scheme for the town of Llandudno. The business case contained an objective analysis of the flood risk to the town of Llandudno and proposed solutions to reduce this risk. The business case ultimately identified a preferred option which would reduce the immediate risk of flooding from the West Shore, whilst also identifying future works required on the North Shore.

Officials from the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Branch noted that the business case also included an 'alternative' option, which proposed the removal of 600m of existing cobble revetment, and its replacement with sand. The business case states the capital requirements for both options. The preferred option, as currently proposed, would require £460k in construction capital from the Coast Risk Management Programme, while the 'alternative option' would require £10.7m. The business case shows that the flood damages avoided remain the same under both scenarios, meaning the risk of flooding from the North Shore would remain the same under both options.

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The Coastal Risk Management Programme was created to reduce the risk of flooding and coastal erosion to communities in Wales. Reducing risk to life and property is the primary objective of the programme. In some situations, beach recharge can be an appropriate measure for reducing the risk of flooding from the sea. At Colwyn Bay and Rhos on Sea, Conwy County Borough Council's analysis determined that beach recharge would be the most cost-effective solution. The business case for Llandudno has demonstrated that beach recharge proposals on the North Shore would not provide any reduction in flood risk to the town.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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