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Mr Dyfed Edwards, Chair,  
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board  
By Email

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**Re: Planning Application 0/51939**

Dear Chair, Dyfed,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing with regards to planning application 0/51939, Conwy County Borough Council. This is for full planning permission for the erection of 152 new dwellings together with public open space, access and requisite infrastructure, and a car park in green fields beside Derwen Lane, Penrhyn Bay.

During a public meeting I held to discuss the planning application last night, the developers, Anwyl Homes explained that they were still awaiting a response from the Health Board to the pre-planning application submitted in December 2023.

As you will be aware, the Health Board is a statutory consultee, so will have been notified already that a response to the actual planning application is required by 9 October 2024.

In light of what I believe to be the Health Board's failure to respond to the pre-planning application, Anwyl Homes have not been asked to make any financial contribution towards local medical services. This is extremely serious when considering that Penrhyn Bay Medical Centre is overwhelmed. The one GP has 6,425 patients. It was made abundantly clear by the medical professional at the meeting that he and the surgery cannot cope with more patients. The Health Board should be making that exact point in its response to the planning application, so that the Local Planning Authority can look at placing conditions on the development that necessitate a financial contribution towards the Medical Centre.

Bearing in mind the Health Board's failure to respond to the pre-planning application since December 2023, and my other experiences of planning applications where the Health Board has not submitted comments, I do think that there is a serious possibility that Betsi Cadwaladr has missed out an numerous opportunities to secure financial support for local hospitals and surgeries. Indeed, you should be asking local planning authorities across the region to implement conditions that ensure additional pressure caused on local health facilities by the building of new homes are mitigated financially.

Given the above, I would be pleased if you could clarify the process the Health Board has in place to ensure that responses are issued to every planning application for which it is a statutory consultee.

Kind regards,

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