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From: ERF Service Requests and Enquiries <erf@conwy.gov.uk>
Sent: 30 June 2026 16:56
To: Dylan Thomas
Subject: Viewing Platform – Kinmel Dunes Local Nature Reserve

Dear Mr Thomas,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 19th June '26, regarding the viewing platform at Kinmel Dunes Local Nature Reserve.

The viewing platform was removed on public safety grounds following concerns regarding its structural condition. We have explored funding options via the Kinmel promenade flood defence scheme, but without success. At present, there is no identified funding available to replace the structure, and the cost of doing so to current accessibility and design standards is prohibitive. Any replacement would require formal design, costings, and approval through the Council's Consultancy and Infrastructure processes.

We, once again, thank the members for their kind offer of funding to a maximum of £5,000 toward this option, but it cannot progress at present.

Alternative options have been considered that balance public access with environmental sustainability and long-term management responsibilities. These include light re-profiling of the dune, plug-planting with appropriate native species to enhance habitat quality, and the installation of a bench to create an informal viewing area. This approach would provide a viewing opportunity while reducing ongoing maintenance liabilities and align with the reserve's management objectives.

Funding has been secured for these options to progress within this financial year. In addition, three benches will be installed along the gravel path.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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