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Minister for Climate Change



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Dear Barry,

Thank you for your letter of 2 January to the Minister for Finance and Local Government regarding Welsh Government held land at Kinmel Bay.

I understand the Community Council have been working with Conwy Council and will know that there have been communications with Land Division (which sits within my portfolio) regarding this matter. Land is a limited resource, so it is prudent and good practice that assets, particularly those in the development category, are thoroughly examined prior to any decisions on their future.

I recognise the importance of community space and taking opportunities to enhance the natural environment when they present themselves. To assist with any future decisions, my officials together with external advisors have been considering planning and associated matters. This work includes reports on the potential for flooding, involving assessment of all pertinent constraints including emerging technical advice notes and any alterations to local defences. When that information is to hand, officials will work through available options and examine how best they align to policy priorities.

Should the land become available it will follow the disposal path set out in our published guidance and for your convenience I attached a link to that document.

<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-11/identification-and-disposal-of-welsh-government-non-core-surplus-land-and-buildings.pdf>

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

We continue to find an appropriate short term use for the land, and you will already know that many areas are let to local individuals, mainly for grazing. It produces an income, helps maintain the land but also supports site security. If the land is deemed surplus in the future, I have asked officials to ensure that the County and Community Council are informed of that decision.

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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