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Dear Sir

Re: Deposit Plan – (Anglesey and Gwynedd) Joint Local Development Plan – temporary stopping places for Gypsies and Travellers, Anglesey

During the pre hearing meeting on the 14 June 2016 the Council asked you to consider including the Public Examination Hearing relating to Gypsies and Travellers matters to week three or four in the Programme. In order to improve understanding of the latest situation regarding temporary stopping places in Anglesey, the Council was asked to prepare a formal letter to justify moving this specific hearing.

My letter to you dated 31 May, 2016 (DA.003a a DA.003b) explained that the work to assess temporary stopping sites subject to public consultation during February/ March 2016 had failed to identify suitable sites on the Island and that additional work was required to assess other potential sites and undertake public consultation about them.

The additional work referred to in the 31 May, 2016 letter, i.e. score sites against a scoring matrix, enquiries with statutory bodies and landowners has taken place and 5 possible sites are subject to public consultation between 2nd June and 1st July. A link is provided below to the Council's website which refers to this consultation:

<http://www.anglesey.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations/consultation-on-temporary-stopping-places-for-gypsies-and-travellers-on-anglesey/128870.article?redirect=false>

A report about the results of this consultation period is scheduled for the Scrutiny Committee on the 19 July and the Executive Committee on the 25 July. As a result of the Chief Executive and Council Leader's commitment to this work, the Council has ensured that sufficient resources have been set aside to analyse the comments submitted during the consultation and prepare a report for the Executive Committee.

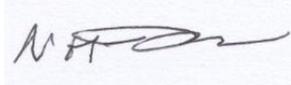
Council Members have received training and have been briefed about the importance of identifying specific sites to address the needs of Gypsies and Travellers in the Plan area and it is considered that

the work undertaken by both Councils to identify sites to address the need for permanent sites and the work currently underway demonstrates the Councils' commitment to this process.

According to the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Constitution elected members have up to 5 days to object to the Executive Committee's decision and to call it in (according to section 4.5.16 of the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Constitution). In such cases, the Scrutiny Committee has an opportunity to consider whether it wants the Executive Committee to consider the matter again or refer the decision to the full Council. The County Council's Committees do not normally meet during August, and if the decision is called in, this would need to be actioned over the summer to be able to discuss and resolve the matter. In order to ensure that the Council is able to provide the most up to date picture in the Examination, moving the hearing to week 3 or 4 would ensure that any work required to address a call in would have been completed before the hearing.

If you require further explanation about any aspect of what is noted above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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