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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1394 Ein cyf/Our ref JJ/03373/23 Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

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Dear Jack,

Petition P-06-1394 Intervene in the development of the Penrhos Coastal Park into a holiday resort in Anglesey

Thank you for your letter of 18 December regarding the above petition. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The grant of planning permission by Isle of Anglesey County Council for the development of a holiday resort at Penrhos Coastal Park was subject to conditions. One of the conditions set a deadline for start of the development.

Local campaigners argue that a material start was not made to the development prior to the deadline. The council, however, have agreed with the developer who argued a material start had been made. At a hearing of the High Court at the start of March, permission was granted for the local campaigners to pursue a judicial review of that decision.

I am unable to comment on whether a material start was made within the deadline because of the ongoing Court proceedings and because the issue may come before the Welsh Ministers at a later date as part of their formal role in the planning system, such as when determining appeals.

The petition refers to the council revoking the planning permission. The council does have powers under section 97 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to revoke or modify the permission, to such extent as they consider expedient, subject to the payment of compensation to persons with interest in the land for abortive work or other losses. This power is discretionary and is therefore a matter for the council to consider in light of the findings of the Court.

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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.

I understand that Cadw is considering a request for the Park to be statutorily registered as a Historic Park and Garden through the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016. A decision will be made once Court proceedings are concluded.

Yours sincerely,

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