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Dear Bill

Petition – P-04-55 Planning Powers

Thank you for your letter about a petition inquiry about planning powers to deal with unused and vacant sites blighting communities and attracting anti-social behaviour.

Currently, section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 provides local planning authorities with powers to tackle the condition of land that is having an adverse effect on their area. A local planning authority can serve a notice on the owner and occupier of the land requiring any steps necessary to remedy the condition of the land. Such action should improve the appearance of unused sites.

The existing powers granted by section 215 currently enable local planning authorities deal with the negative impacts on amenity caused by derelict sites. I am currently considering whether further improvements are required including the recommendations from the review I commissioned into the planning enforcement system in Wales, published in June 2013. Any appropriate changes will be included within the Planning (Wales) Bill when it is introduced to the National Assembly for Wales later this year.

A copy of this letter will be sent to the Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, Alun Fred Jones.

Yours sincerely

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