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Eich Cyf / Your Ref:

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Dear Mr Griffiths (MS)

During a meeting of the Local Government and Housing Committee where Council Officers together with the Deputy Council Leader submitted evidence, it was asked how the infrastructure of the Well-being of Future Generations Act had formed the planning decisions made by local authorities. It was promised that the Authority would respond to the question via a letter.

During the process of drafting the Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 was issued. Although the date of this Act is 2015, it came into force after the Joint LDP was submitted for inspection (April 2016). As the Joint LDP was submitted for Inspection prior to April 2016, it did not have to directly be in line with the well-being goals noted in the Well-being of Future Generations Act. However, at the request of the Planning Inspector, the Councils demonstrated during the Public Inquiry that the Joint LDP aligned with the well-being goals noted within the act. This was done by submitting evidence to the Inspector which noted how the Policies included in the Joint Local Development Plan are in line with the well-being goals. Bearing in mind that the core principle of the Joint LDP (and the associated Strategic Environmental Assessment) is sustainable development, there are clear links between the aspirations of the LDP and the Act/Local Well-being Plans.

It is confirmed that the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act and the well-being goals have informed the work of monitoring the Plan and in the near future it will feed into the process of holding the Plan review and preparing the Amended Plan.

As you are aware, it is a requirement that determinations on planning applications are made in accordance with local planning policy guidance (namely the Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan in the case of the Gwynedd Local Planning Authority). Therefore, and as a result of the fact that the Plan is in line with the goals included in the Act, it is considered that the determinations on planning applications also align with those goals.

The Local Planning Authority has a duty to take reasonable steps in exercising its functions (including determining planning applications) to ensure compliance with the seven well-being goals within the Act. This means that when determining planning applications the Local Planning Authority considers the sustainable development principles together with ensuring that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

I trust that the above responds to what was raised during the meeting.

Yours sincerely

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