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Dear Ms Davies

Further to your letter dated 19 June 2015 regarding the above.

The Authority is currently in the process of formulating the Deposit Local Development Plan (LDP) and it is anticipated that this document will be subject to a period of public consultation during early 2016. In the meantime a number of subject areas including the consideration of the Welsh Language are currently being considered from a policy perspective. With specific regard to the Welsh Language, provisions established from guidelines such as Technical Advice Note 20: Planning and the Welsh Language (2013) and the legislative requirements from the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 that received Royal Assent on the 6<sup>th</sup> July will be fully taken into account. In terms of LDP production to this stage of the process, issues regarding the Welsh Language have influenced the scale and distribution of growth reflected as part of Plan preparation. The Spatial Options Assessment Topic Paper concluded that whilst the scale of growth proposed had the potential to put pressure on the capacity of social infrastructure, including the Welsh Language, the opportunity to Masterplan sites would bring positive benefits by ensuring that the Council is able to achieve the objectives of planning for sustainable, distinct communities.

Given that work is currently ongoing in creating a Welsh Language Topic Paper along with establishing a detailed policy framework for the LDP I am unable to confirm at this stage the precise approach to be reflected within the forthcoming Deposit LDP. However, generally it is proposed that the LDP will include a reasoned justification of the regard had by the local planning authority to the needs and interests of the Welsh Language, and how any related policies interact with other Plan policies.

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