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*Dear Mr Atkinson,*

I am writing in reply to your two letters of 1 June about the construction of a house at Bettws Newydd. Dr John's e-mail, which you enclosed with your letter, has been answered separately on 3 June. Your letter of 13 May was answered on 2 June and you will have also received an e-mail about the application on 18 May.

I can confirm that the Welsh Ministers did receive over 40 requests to have the planning application called in. However the application (08/361) was for a variation of one and the discharge of three other conditions attached to a permission for the new dwelling on the site which was granted three years ago. A number of those requesting call in appeared to believe that this current application was for a significantly larger house on the site whereas, in fact, permission for that had already been granted in 2006. The latest application was only for revisions to the existing permission and it is issues associated with those revisions which are not considered to be of more than local importance. No requests were made at the time for the 2006 application to be called in and now that permission for it has been granted I cannot consider any requests to intervene in its consideration.

A decision not to call in the current retrospective planning application - which has been the subject of your letters and your representations made to me whilst I was at the Visitors Centre on 4 June - was taken on 20 May.

Before coming to a decision not to call it in my officials consulted those branches of the Assembly's Planning Division which deal with housing and design. They also consulted Cadw and the Countryside Council for Wales. None of the four consultees considered that the application warranted call in when assessed against policy set out in Planning Policy Wales. My officials would be prepared to consider releasing the advice if you make a formal request to see the four documents under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If you have any complaints about the delivery of the planning system at a local level, these should be directed to the Head of Planning Service at the Park Authority. Additionally, you may wish to take up concerns with the Authority's Monitoring Officer, who has a duty to inform the Committee when he or she considers that the actions have occurred that are likely to breach legislation or the Local Government Code of Practice.

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The contact details for the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales are as follows:

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