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Dear Mark

Planning Services

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 2010 and for the very useful information it contained.

I now want to advise you on my current position and also seek further clarification on some key points that I have detailed below.

I am currently obtaining some comparative information for the statistics you provided so that I will be able to place the Carmarthenshire performance within a national context. I am also intending to speak to some external organisations such as those suggested in your letter, CADW and the Welsh Assembly Government. Subject to these and the information you have provided, I would then hope to be in a position to respond to some of the complainants.

I note from your reply that there are some cases that are still subject to a formal process, in particular the appeal process regarding the Biomass application and the outstanding appeal to the High Court regarding the Magistrate Court decision on the Felin Wen listed building case. In these two cases, I intend to allow these processes to take their course before deciding on whether I need to take any further action.

I would, however, be grateful if you could provide some further clarification around the following applications:

- Without disclosing detailed personal information, I would like some further information on the particular factors which were taken into account regarding application

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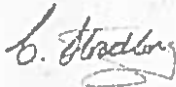
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In addition, due to press speculation that I am undertaking an investigation, a number of other people have contacted me with complaints or concerns. In all cases I have referred them to your complaints process and/or the Public Services Ombudsman but some have indicated that they have information relevant to the external auditor. Once I have received and reviewed any such information I may need to write to you further.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Yours sincerely



Ceri Stradling
Appointed Auditor