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Dear William

Thank you for your letter regarding the potential siting of a civic amenity site adjacent to Brooklands Nursing Home. I understand this matter is under consideration by the Petitions Committee and you are requesting a view on the planning aspects of the petition.

Discussion is currently taking place between Pembrokeshire County Council and the National Park Authority in relation to this matter but to date no planning application has been submitted. Given the statutory role of the Welsh Ministers in the planning process and that any subsequent planning application may come before me at some point in the future, it would not be appropriate for me to comment on the merits of this, or any specific, case. However, I am able to provide some general advice on national planning policy.

National Planning policy in relation to waste management is contained in Planning Policy Wales (PPW) and Technical Advice Note 21: Waste (TAN 21). National planning policy should be taken into account by local planning authorities and may be material to decisions on individual planning applications. The website links are:

Planning Policy Wales: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/policy/ppw/?lang=en>
Technical Advice Notes: <http://wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/policy/tans/?lang=en>

TAN 21 sets out specific planning considerations which local planning authorities should take into account as part of making a planning decision. These considerations include, amongst other things, the impacts associated with transport and access, noise, dust, visual impact and any measures which may be appropriate in mitigating environmental and amenity impacts.

TAN 21 states that in making a decision on a planning application local authorities would be expected to consider the amenity of local communities. In addition, the environmental impact of any proposed facility must be adequately assessed in determining whether a planning application is acceptable. Where a proposal is environmentally unacceptable or would cause adverse impacts on amenity and the problems cannot be mitigated to an acceptable standard by conditions, planning permission should be refused.

Yours,



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