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Dear Ms Stocks

Fishguard Town Centre Improvement

I refer to the letter dated 6 February from the Chair of the Petitions Committee to the Chief Executive regarding the petition submitted by Cllr Bob Kilmister.

The need for a holistic regeneration strategy for Fishguard was identified in the Welsh Assembly Government supported Fishguard and North Pembrokeshire Plan 2003. The Plan identified the need, inter alia, to attract a supermarket to the town centre (to reduce leakage), to facilitate a marina development and improved port facilities at the harbour and to create a new internal link road to address the sub-standard trunk road through the town centre.

In terms of the wider (2003) Plan the County Council has delivered a significant (c£12m) investment programme over the last decade including a new leisure centre and all-weather pitch, a new junior school, a refurbished Town Hall and library, an E-learning Centre and improvements to the coastal Marine Walk.

In addition to the above, the County Council has facilitated a planning application for a major marina-led development (outline consent granted in 2012), and has marketed the former junior school site to potential supermarket operators/developers.

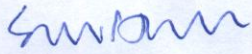
Finally, the Council has recently purchased a public house as part of a land and property acquisition strategy to facilitate the link road scheme.

In short, the County Council has been very proactive in delivering the agenda set out in the original 2003 Plan, and it would like to take this opportunity to encourage the Welsh Government (Trunk Roads Agency) to commit formally to the link road scheme which would address the pedestrian mobility and traffic management issues set out in the petition. The current trunk road network through High Street and West Street are very obviously sub-standard. It is the responsibility of Welsh Government to address this issue as these are trunk roads. A commitment of £2.5 million was made by Welsh Government several years ago for this project (letter from Andrew Davies AM to Cllr John Davies dated 21.6.06) but funding was unavailable last year when there was an



opportunity to progress the scheme, even though officials in Welsh Government initially indicated that funding could be found.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S P Jones', with a stylized, wavy flourish at the end.

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