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Re: Disposal of land at The Green Salt Lake, Porthcawl

Dear Ms Watson

Firstly, I would like to know why the first any Porthcawl councillor knew of this sale was when your notice appeared in a local newspaper. Surely BCBC has a duty to inform Porthcawl councillors of something that could have an extremely detrimental affect on their town's regeneration ?

I am appalled that BCBC plans to simply sell off this land, in effect giving any potential purchaser the opportunity to do as they please with it, irrespective of whether or not it will benefit Porthcawl's long-overdue regeneration. There do not appear to be any conditions on the sale of this land and I believe the public consultation promised by Cllr Charles Smith should have taken place first to set those conditions.

On this subject, could you please tell me when this public consultation will take place ?

The land in question was acquired by Porthcawl Urban District Council in the early 1960's and was therefore managed by this authority on behalf of the people of Porthcawl. It is classed as a public open space and is therefore used by residents and belongs to them.

I am amazed that BCBC has learned nothing from having to buy out a lease they granted on Salt Lake, that effectively thwarted any regeneration plans for generations. Without seeing any conditions attached to the sale or disposal of The Green, I cannot support your proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Maitland Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Cllr Steve Maitland Thomas BA(Hons)
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