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Dear Sarah Rochira

**OLDER PEOPLES SERVICES – ANGLESEY – FUTURE OF HAUFRE CARE HOME**

The Town Council have asked me to bring to your attention Anglesey County Council's recent decision to consult on the future of Haulfre Residential home.

Though, at first sight, the County Council appear to have learned from their mistakes when shutting the Day Care Centre in Beaumaris without consultation, the Town Council are suspicious of their motives. The paper which was presented to the Executive of the County Council seems to paint a much bleaker picture of the condition and safety of the site than would be justified by the reports of the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales and North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. As a result Town Councillors (along with the families of some residents) remain to be convinced that officers have not already made up their mind. They feel that county council officers are already committed to closure before the proposed new local Extra Care Facility is in place and that there is a risk that this consultation is a "decide and defend" exercise not a genuine attempt to develop shared solutions with stakeholders.

Town Councillors will be engaging with the consultation exercise to try to ensure that local stakeholders' views are taken into account and that in particular the needs and aspirations of residents and services holders are at the forefront of the exercise. They would be grateful if you were able to keep a watching brief on the exercise.

Yours sincerely



Professor T W Ashenden  
Town Clerk