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Dear Councillor Jones

Thank you for your letter dated 2 April 2018. I note your comments and respond to them in the order they were raised.

Ensure better communication with local councillors about any disruption to waste collections

Waste collections not being restricted by ward boundaries, and reasons for missed collections being extremely varied and often at short notice, make Member notification more difficult. Notwithstanding the difficulties, the Waste Collections Team will continue to endeavour to advise Ward Members when multiple streets or large areas have not been collected on their day.

Share thoughts about possible future efforts to tackle fly tipping, particularly ‘hot spots’

The Cleansing Teams and the dedicated Fly Tipping Team will continue to clear fly tipping as soon as practical, and visit hot spots on a regular basis, often clearing fly tipping before it has been reported. The Team will also assess for options to further discourage fly tipping at hot spots through signage, physical measures, or cameras where appropriate. Enforcement will also be used as a further deterrent, with success being publicised as much as possible.

Clarify whether all privacy issues in relation to data collection have been considered in relation to the project looking at collecting real-time localised City Centre based air quality, traffic and parking data

The PARSER project is a collaborative project looking to develop low-cost sensors to monitor air quality, traffic count and parking spaces in the urban environment. The Primary investigator is a company called VortexIoT and they successfully bid for a grant, via Innovate UK, to develop the sensor technology. Other collaborators include Swansea University, BT and ourselves; the intention is to develop/trial the sensors in the city centre which will enable the provision of real-time spatial air quality data and traffic flow that can be utilised in the future to look at exposure in the urban environment. The

project is due to commence soon with a trial of the current sensor at our Swansea Roadside Automatic Urban and Rural Network (AURN) monitoring station.

With regard to privacy, there are no cameras within the sensor being developed and the traffic data will be collected utilising acoustic sensors to help differentiate between vehicle type. This is new technology being developed and Swansea council will benefit from the collaboration.

Take action regarding dropped kerbs

New roads internal to developments are designed in accordance with the Council's Residential Design Guide, this seeks to provide balance between place making and movement functions of new streets, and focuses on ensuring safe and inclusive access for all users. This would include dropped kerbs at crossing points if necessary, but could also include plateaus at crossing points, to raise the carriageway (as opposed to dropping the footway), and flush surfaces where appropriate.

Explain why there have been sand loss movement issues at Knab Rock, causing problems for boat launching

Officers visited the site recently and the sand bar which was spoken about was not there. There is no guarantee that the removal of the large quantity of material which was discussed at the site meeting would solve the problem. The dynamics of this area would probably mean that the removed material would be replaced by other material from the area. It is known that since the construction of the Knab Rock structure the immediate shoreline area has been accreting.

Yours sincerely



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