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Date / Dyddiad: 25 October 2012

Dear Mrs Healy

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council Local Development Plan (the Plan)

You have indicated that the Council is currently screening and reviewing the various MAC changes to the Plan from a Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environmental Assessment (SA/ SEA) perspective.

It is entirely a matter for the Council to determine what work it wishes to do. However, I would find it helpful to see a copy of the screening report only as it relates to the newly designated Mynydd Llangynidr SSSI. I have therefore determined that the examination should not close and my final report should not be issued until this initial screening has been undertaken. Please can you let me know via the programme officer **by return** when this screening report will be available.

I would further value the Council's legal opinion on whether it will be necessary to consult other participants on this further SA/SEA screening and review exercise.

I am on holiday from 1 November until 24 November.

Yours sincerely

Vincent Maher

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