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Dear Mrs Phipps

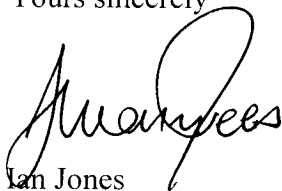
Thank you very much for allowing Carmarthenshire County Council the opportunity to participate in the discussion regarding access to inland waterways at Llandysul Canoe Centre on 9th February 2009, we very much welcome this review by the Welsh Assembly. It was requested that the Local Authority confirm our position with regards to this issue.

Currently, there is a debate locally between different interest groups regarding whether canoeing on rivers where fishing rights exist, is contravening current legislation. Clearly, the local authority would appreciate more clarification and some national steer on this issue, however, our current position is that we insist on any CCC sponsored activity on inland waterways requiring the permission of the landowner.

I would add that the Local Authority have produced a 'Leisure Vision' for the period 2007 – 2012 which supports the Welsh Assembly Government Climbing Higher Strategy in looking to maximise the use of the natural environment in increasing both the opportunity to participate in physical activity and sport and also by increasing the number of people who are physically active. As a Local Authority, we are committed to this aim and, whilst ensuring that all users and interested parties rights are safeguarded. We are therefore grateful that the Welsh Assembly Government are considering allowing open access to rivers to help address this important issue.

If you require any further information, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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