



14-9-2009.

Consultation on L.CO. relating to  
Community Councils.

Dear. Sarah Sargent,

I refer to your Consultation Papers dated 22 July 09. I reply to this Consultation as County Council Member for the BEULAH WARD in Ceredigion and as member of Beulah Community Council. I represented this Community Council in the Sutherland Ctte. enquiry which produced the 'Aberystwyth Report'.

@ Beulah Community Council fully supports the proposed LCO. We have many community projects in our 6 village communities but find difficulty in obtaining funding through County Council funding streams. This leads to delays in functioning and long waits for some years for funding to be raised in precepts. The County Council has its own set of priorities and Community Councils are frustrated by a system that prevents small scale developments that would enhance quality of life for the electors. We therefore support direct funding by WAG so that a wider range of services can be delivered by councillors in touch and elected locally.

@ Beulah Community Council frequently writes to Welsh Assembly Ministers since we represent 'grass root' needs and aspirations, on health, social care and environmental issues. We suspect that local organisations like LHB or Trusts and County Council do not give Community Councils respect. We welcome a strengthening of powers of local representation and scrutiny by community councils.

Sarah Sargent,  
Deputy Councillor

Yours sincerely,