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Dear Mr Cuthbert,

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE COMPETENCE ORDER

I refer to your letter of the 4th August.

It is disappointing that you chose to consult with Community Councils during August when most Community Councils are in recess for the Summer. My own Community Council did not have its September Meeting until after your deadline.

I think this simple fact alone shows the level of understanding of the operation of Community Councils, and for the National Assembly to seek powers to present significant changes to the "procedure and responsibilities" of Community Councils without knowing the current procedure and responsibilities of such Councils, is bound to result in at best confusion and at worst chaos.

In so far as Rhosddu Community Council is concerned it does not want more powers; it already has many powers that it does not use. The crux of the issue is that whereas the Assembly gives funding direct to the Unitary Authorities it gives nothing to Community Councils. Similarly, Community Councils receive none of the Business Rates. Until these funding issues are addressed then it is not cost effective for Community Councils to take on powers currently being exercised by Unitary Authorities.

The Rhosddu Community Council **OBJECTS** to the National Assembly having more powers because it would result in additional bureaucracy and extra cost with no perceived benefit.

Yours sincerely,



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