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Dear Ms Griffiths

Consultation on Proposed Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Measure

I write in response to your letter dated 12 December 2008 in which you have invited feedback from Ceredigion Local Health Board on the Consultation on Proposed Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Measure.

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to provide feedback on this consultation. The Local Health Board's response to the proposals you are consulting on are enclosed with this letter.

Yours sincerely

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- We strongly support the measures to require a full public consultation on the disposal of any publicly owned playing field. The scope of the measure might be extended to cover any publicly owned exercise facility.
- We think it's very welcome and tightens up on the necessity to look at the impact of the closure of playing field facilities in the wider context of health. We would support the necessity to look at closures within the overall HSCWS so we would have the opportunity to do a formal Health Impact Assessment of any proposal. The Statutory consultees will need to update to include the successor bodies to the current LHBs.
- We are in agreement with the proposals to consult at local level and with local/community organisations when the Authority (or whatever organisation is involved) are proposing to dispose of playing fields. In addition we would support moves aimed at supporting Local Authorities in attempts to retain and renew play/recreation facilities when they become run down. Where possible, local communities could be empowered to work jointly with Local Government to ensure the survival of recreational facilities in rural areas.