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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 December 2016 16:54
To: Lane, Lisa
Subject: RE: Application to register land as a Village Green - Snowdon CloseRisca

Dear Ms Lane,

Please accept my apologies for not responding sooner. This Autumn has been very busy, with family matters and fighting to protect public rights of way from those who wish to curtail them.

I have no legal training and must accept the words of the Independent barrister employed by Caerphilly County Borough Council. However, the council does have a duty to its residents and to follow its own guidelines re: physical and mental health strategies. CCBC suggests that its policies encourage people to get out and walk - exercise on a regular basis. The data suggests that policies actually discourage people from walking. For instance, allowing residents to convert their garages to living spaces, which results in many people parking on pavements.

There is a public footpath crossing Snowdon Close field. It has only recently been diverted along this line at public expense for the benefit of a few local people. If this field were to be sold for housing, the right of way would have to be protected if the authority were to have any credibility that it wishes to promote everyday walking. The keep this gateway to Twmbarlwm open as a **grassy** path, the authority would have to resist developer's aspirations to maximise profit.

The authority should do the decent thing and voluntarily gift this field to local people as a Village Green. The land is a safe place to start a walk from an already built up area to open countryside, the very popular Twmbarlwm Tump. This is the authority's chance to show that it supports local residents.

As Newport City Council has shown it is perfectly possible to build houses on the flat on riverside land. It has to show the will to do the decent thing. I trust that you will include this correspondence to the council before they make any decision about Village Green status.

Regards

Maggie Thomas

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From: [Lane, Lisa](#)
Sent: 05 December 2016 11:58
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Application to register land as a Village Green - Snowdon CloseRisca

Dear Miss Thomas

I write in relation to the above matter and note that I have not received any comments from you regarding my email of 15th November which enclosed the final report from the Barrister at Law, engaged as Independent Inspector to consider the matter.

Please could you acknowledge safe receipt of this email for my records.

Kind regards