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COSLA Letter of 20 November 2012

Thank you for your email dated 17 December 2012 seeking COSLA's position on petition PE1461 by 11 January.

May I please advise that Planning features as a standing item on the agenda of meetings of the Development, Economy & Sustainability Executive Group at COSLA. Despite this frequent consideration of planning matters, the specific issue in the petition has not been raised by the elected members on the Executive Group or in the wider Convention

Our recent Convention meeting took place on 14 December 2012 and also featured planning as one of its main agenda items (including a presentation by the Local Government & Planning Minister on planning reform next steps). COSLA members have no official position on the particular issue raised in this petition although any instances of harassment or intimidation would of course be a matter for the police.

I am unable to elicit further views by your deadline of 11 January as there are no political meetings scheduled before that date.

I trust that this is satisfactory.

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