

Correspondence from Petitioner to Chair

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Dear Mr Powell

Thank you for your letter of 14 December and the enclosures. I apologise for the lateness in replying; the Friends of Morfa (Save Morfa Beach) have naturally been considering our response, and given that there are now over 1,000 members this has taken some time.

In response to your letter and its enclosures, SMB would like to note the following:-

1. The e-petition was one of the most widely supported ever on the Assembly website. It attracted signatures not only from NPTC but from around Wales and farther afield. This is therefore not a purely parochial issue. Our Facebook membership and Twitter following confirm the strength of feeling. We therefore expect the Welsh Assembly and Government to act in accordance with this strongly held public opinion, and to carry out the actions requested in the petition.
2. The delay between the public footpath closure order being made and the calling of a public enquiry is unacceptable, it is now well over a year. It is creating uncertainty in the community, and incidentally damaging the viability and credibility of the All Wales Coastal Path and threatening the Morfa Burrows Site of Special Scientific Interest. Meanwhile NPTC does nothing to maintain footpaths 92 and 93 on the pretext that an enquiry is imminent. We ask the Welsh Assembly and Government to instruct NPTC officers either to call an enquiry or rescind the closure order forthwith.

I, and the group, thank you and the Petitions Committee for your continued interest in this matter.

With very best regards



Kath Nicholson