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Pamela Hughes,  
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Victoria Dock,  
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Gwynedd. LL55 1TH

Dear Pam,

## Proposed Dredging Works, Victoria Dock

Thank you again for your invitation to attend the meeting with VDBHA members on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Firstly, may I again convey my sincerest apologies for the misleading information which I recently conveyed to members of the VDBHA Committee. In particular, I wish to apologise personally to Dr John O Sullivan for providing inaccurate details, whom conveyed these details to members in good faith. Given Dr Sullivan's significant contribution in developing the Action Plan for the Dock, and indeed, the progress achieved over the last 2 years, I was deeply troubled that genuine collaborative arrangements were in fact undermined by such inaccurate details.

As you are aware, the intention was to carry out the dredging works during May / June this year, following submission of relevant details to Natural Resources Wales, and discussions with the dredging contractor. Regrettably, I informed Dr Sullivan that this timetable would be met, whereas in fact, this was not possible since the contractor was unavailable at this time.

May I also take this opportunity to re-affirm the Council's commitment to addressing siltation issues within the marina basin. Whilst I appreciate that the delay in carrying out the dredging works has no doubt created some disappointment and disquiet amongst members, the proposed works will be carried out this year. As such, I can also confirm that the dredging contractor has already been commissioned to carry out works for the October / November period (Quay Marinas Limited). The dredging equipment has therefore been reserved, and the operational details will be agreed with the contractor in due course. We are currently awaiting a detailed programme from the contractor, which I'm sure will form the basis of further and detailed discussions.

Due to the nature of the works to be undertaken, I do hope that there will be some flexibility within the arrangements agreed with the contractor. I also appreciate the high level of interest shown in the work, and during the meeting the need for effective communication was again raised. Whilst allowing for the client / contractor arrangements, we also discussed the merit of establishing a small working group comprising representatives from the VDBHA, Harbour Trust and Gwynedd Council. We intend to establish this working group during the oncoming weeks (ideally having received the contractor's proposed programme) and will be in contact with you in due course.

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Despite the disappointing circumstances, I would also like to convey my thanks for the constructive comments put forward by your members during the meeting.

I look forward to continuing our discussions in the near future.

Yours sincerely,



Llyr B Jones

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