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Date: 5th May 2021
Your Ref:
Our Ref: PL 527/20
Contact: 028 7034 7100

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Correspondence outlining concerns of inappropriate signage in Ballycastle.

I refer to your e-mail dated 24th March 2021 in relation to the above matter.

I can advise that your correspondence was presented for decision at the Council's 28th April 2021 Planning Committee, where the Committee resolved not to visit Ballycastle.

Firstly, Members acknowledge your concerns regarding what you consider to be "inappropriate signs" in Ballycastle. However, they have also expressed their frustration that further evidence, requested by the Planning Department to assist in fully considering your correspondence, had not been forthcoming.

Secondly, Members consider that most businesses are struggling in the current economic climate, having to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances as a result of the government restrictions imposed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. In light of this very prevalent issue, Members fully support a common-sense approach to this issue, to assist local businesses through this extremely difficult trading period. They consider that until such times as traders are in a more secure trading position, it would not be appropriate to place additional burdens on either their operations or indeed the opening-up of the economy.

In addition, Members have agreed to Planning Officers visiting the town, when it is considered it has returned to normal trading levels, to address the concerns raised in your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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