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Dear Mr Sargeant,

Re: Petition P-06-1373 Stop Welsh Government Wasting £4million on Skyline private development Kilvey Hill, Swansea

Thank you for your letter dated 29 November 2023, regarding consideration being given by the Senedd's Petitions Committee to the abovementioned petition.

After reading the correspondence from the Petitioner (attached), I don't think there is anything here for the Council to answer, the content of the petition is directed purely at Welsh Government. The petitioner is requesting that the Welsh Government undertakes a re-evaluation of the Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board's (31) report on the proposed Skyline Development. Furthermore, the petitioner is requesting that Welsh Government finds a better, more collaborative approach to find a sustainable path for Kilvey Hill that respects both community desires, environmental imperatives, and the well-being of the community in this area of high deprivation.

As an update the Council has agreed in principle to provide a serviced site and provide grant funding to Skyline for the Project, subject to internal and external governance, and the Council's terms being met. Going forward in the New Year the Council will progress the Public Open Space Notice for an area of land on Kilvey Hill that will be required to facilitate the Project.

Concerns have been raised about access to Kilvey Hill once the Project is completed, but to negate any misinformation free and unhindered public access to the hill will remain. All current walking and mountain bike tracks will remain as they are with improvements made to those existing paths and trails. The scheme will allow for increased access to the hill's peak through wheelchair and pram accessible Gondolas.

Skyline has advised the cost of the Project has increased to £40m, this has not dissuaded Skyline from pushing forward with the Project and now has a



live planning application, which can be found by following this [link](#). The all-weather facility will operate throughout the year, creating a 100 jobs in the first year and providing both local people and visitors to Swansea the opportunity to enjoy the thrills of these gravity based rides, which will include 1.5 miles of luge tracks, zip line and sky swing.

What may be of assistance to you is a recent Skyline Update Report prepared for The Service Improvement, Regeneration and Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel held on 14 November 2023, the report can be found by following this [link](#) and then go to Agenda Item 33. In addition, please see the links to the Council's and Skyline's FAQs, <https://swansea.gov.uk/skylinefaqs> / <https://www.skylineswansea.co.uk/> (scroll to the bottom of the Homepage).

Yours sincerely



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