

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing in support of the above appeal and it is with regret that we find ourselves having to resubmit a letter of support which was initially submitted to the local authority, at the initial application stage, which we have been advised is no longer on file.

We live across the road from the proposed site and we, and the majority of our neighbours, fully support the application.

Since the Christmas farm has opened, it has been a lovely attraction for families in the local community and the additional proposals will support the Healthy Wales programme encouraging members of the community to become active.

It is our understanding that the opposition to the proposals is around increase in phosphates and pedestrian safety.

I can confirm in relation to increase in phosphates, in 21 years of living across the road, prior to the purchase of the land by the current owner, year in year the land has been used year round for grazing for large herds of cattle. We have never been aware of any concerns raised by the local authority in respect of phosphates and pollution created by the cattle and would like to suggest the likelihood is that there will be a decrease in phosphates and river pollution.

The owner has also tidied the area, and since securing the water for private fishing, this has resulted with a significant reduction in litter to nearly zero, which was previously polluting the countryside.

In respect of safety of pedestrians, we believe the proposals have been carefully considered to maximise safety. We find it very interesting that this is being used as an objection when it is only through the sheer perseverance of lobbying by ourselves and neighbours, that we were successful in getting the speed limit reduced to 40 mph on this road. The safety concerns in relation to pedestrians would not be as a result of the proposal within the application. The risk is and, always has been, the poor maintenance of the public footpaths and grass verges by the local authority that become overgrown and inaccessible.

We believe the proposal is a welcome attraction which has contributed to a real sense of community. We fully support the application and hope that you will carefully consider the appeal and overturn the marginal planning decision.

Yours faithfully

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