

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you in connection with the Section 78 Appeal at Land South of Llay Road, Cefn y Bedd, Wrexham.

I was pleased to hear that the council's committee had made the decision to refuse permission in planning application P/2022/0681. As the application is now under appeal, I would like to state my opposition to the proposals on the following grounds:

The keeping of large animals on this small site will lead to manure run-off which is likely to cause pollution. Keeping herds of large mammals for recreational purposes is not an acceptable reason for allowing this pollution to the environment.

This development does not offer anything to the area not already there, being a short drive from the nearby 'Reindeer Lodge'. The applicants also own a reindeer centre only fifteen miles from this site. This will create unnecessary seasonal traffic from visitors and pose a risk to pedestrians.

The site is far too small to provide an adequate environment for reindeer, who are used to travelling many miles in the wild. It is not possible for this site to accommodate the optimum herd size and conditions for reindeer to thrive.

Reindeer physiology is evolved for cold, snowy environments and their ideal climate is that of the arctic circle, one that cannot be replicated in Wales. With rising temperatures due to climate change the keeping of reindeer in the UK will get less humane every year.

Reindeer hire and display is increasingly met with ethical concerns in the UK and is opposed by a number of charities, including the RSPCA, as well as an increasing proportion of the general public. There is growing concern that animals used in these events suffer as a result of the stress of transit, exposure to crowds, and confinement to small enclosures.

I hope that the council will again refuse permission for this development.

Kind Regards,
Jane Burgess

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