

I have been a Llay resident since 1976, my husband was born in Llay 78yrs ago. We are both very much in favour of the Christmas Farm. We have visited on several occasions and found it a delightful place to take our family, particularly our grandchildren who thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere, the feeding of the reindeer and choosing a pumpkin (or several) during their October opening. Christmas time is especially wonderful, the Shaw family make each visit a delight. They have worked so incredibly hard to make their Christmas Farm a magical experience for any family. It's fun, it's a safe place for children and it's reasonably priced.

This is why our family and many other local residents just cannot understand why all Mr Shaws application after application have been refused by Wrexham council?

We know that Rob Walsh is a staunch supporter and that he has actually had the decency to visit the Christmas Farm and spoken to the Shaw family. He's also taken on board the positive opinions of his local constituents. Many people are very confused as to why Bryan Apsley is so very much against any applications which Mr Shaw has submitted to Wrexham council! The Llay residents have voted for him to keep his seat on the council for many years and yet as far as I can understand he isn't making much effort to take on board the feelings of the villagers regarding the Christmas Farm! How can he even be aware of the safety measures which the Shaw family have rigorously put in place to protect their visitors, when I believe he hasn't even had the courtesy to visit the Christmas Farm and meet the Shaw family in person on site! His argument about his concerns, that phosphates caused by the reindeer could be damaging to the local countryside are totally unfounded. Would Bryan Apsley prefer a herd of 200 cattle to graze on this land? Then of course he may have a point about phosphate pollution, but a few much loved and beautifully cared for reindeers?!! Or perhaps he would prefer the extensive land owned by Mr Shaw to be covered by 350 new houses?

His constant rejection of any applications which Mr Shaw submits to the Wrexham council is bordering on the ridiculous. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] genuine family doing their best to bring a wonderful attraction to our village. Many of the villages to whom I've spoken regarding the Christmas Farm have voiced this opinion too. Please Wrexham councillors, on behalf of myself and many local residents, get your act together and allow this application to go through without any more unnecessary malice.

We need more attractions like this in our area and we look forward to October and December openings of the beautiful Christmas Farm. Please don't hinder it's growth because of personal issues, surly Wrexham council has more perceptivity and respect for the opinions of it's local residents?!

Regards Gareth and Anita Jones.