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4th June 2015



To whom it may concern,

Proposed planning for a 16,000 hen poultry unit at Cae Mor Farm, Llwynmawr, Llangollen, Wrexham, LL20 7BE.

I write in support of the application for planning made by the Morris family for an egg laying poultry unit on economic and sustainable grounds.

Our Poultry Specialist, Mr. John Chance has visited the proposed Free Range Egg unit with Julian and Emma Morris at Cae Mor Farm. John has assessed the access route from Oswestry, which is B4579 Oswestry to Glyn Ceiriog road and the proposed new access route. The B4579 is a route that we have travelled and have supplied the rural community for many years and we have no issues with this route. All our feed would come from our Llansantffraid Mill and we envisage a weekly delivery of 18 tonne of poultry feed on an 8 wheeled rigid body vehicle. All our deliveries are planned within normal daily working hours.

The agriculture sector is under increasing pressure from an economic point of view. We are currently experiencing a sharp decrease in the price of milk with beef and sheep sectors experiencing far less return in the market place for their products. The reform of the Common Agricultural Policy will result in farmers receiving considerably less income than in current times. The combined impact of these factors towards the sustainability of our own Wynnstay Business and that of 'family farms' in Wales is likely to be catastrophic. As a result of the expected downturn in income, farmers have been strongly encouraged by Welsh Government to diversify from the traditional enterprises such as milk, beef and sheep in other more sustainable enterprises, including egg production.

Wynnstay operates a Feed Mill at Llansantffraid. Faced with uncertain times, it is highly probable that a reduction in the amount of feed manufactured at the Mill will lead to a reduction in jobs. The construction of poultry units such as the one proposed will certainly aid the retention of employment of personnel within Wynnstay by providing extra work for Mill production staff, lorry drivers and administration staff. The Poultry unit will also provide employment on a 'local basis' within the unit itself.

In consideration of the points highlighted, I strongly request that a positive decision is made in support of this application in order to ensure that we continue to maintain a strong and sustainable agricultural industry in Wales.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gareth Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Gareth Davies
Managing Director (Agriculture)