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DETAILS OF THE CASE

Case Reference: **APP/H6955/A/11/2160262**

Address of site
Tyn-Y-Capel
Church Road
Minera
Wrexham

Postcode

LL11 3DA

Grid Reference: Easting

3268868

Northing

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SENDER DETAILS

Name

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Acting On Behalf Of

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

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Interested Party / Person

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Interested Party/Person Correspondence

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

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Dear Sirs

Re: Appeal Ref – APP/H6955/A/11/2160262

Appeal by – Mr Keith Roberts

Appeal Site – Tyn y Capel, Church Road, Minera, Wrexham LL11 3DA

The comments below are made on behalf of my wife, Sylvia Dawson, and myself and are in addition to my original objection submitted to the planning department at Wrexham County Borough Council

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on 20 June 2011.

We have lived in Minera for 4 years and before that in Coedpoeth (me for 13 years and my wife for 30 years). We have both attended the Tyn y Capel when it was run, very successfully, by the previous owners and since its purchase in 2001 by the current owners.

The Tyn y Capel was a pub well known throughout the Wrexham area and even before its purchase in 2001 customers would come not only from Minera but outside the community as well, it was known for its friendly atmosphere and good food (not expensive "Gastro Food"). I would therefore disagree that the Tyn y Capel had become a destination pub, it had been popular both locally and further a field for many years.

It has been stated that despite the issue of loyalty cards, trade continued to suffer and that 90 -95% of those who had a card were from outside the community. I would be interested to see how that claim could be substantiated when the cards were issued across the bar to customers directly, without any personal details being requested as to where people lived. Even customers from different parts of the UK who were only in the Tyn y Capel as they were on holiday in the area were given cards. We also had a loyalty card but when the first time we tried to use it was we went for a birthday meal with family and friends, some of whom also had loyalty cards and their use was refused.

Mr Roberts states in Appendix 1 of the appeal that "They also appear to have group amnesia, there is a pub in Minera - The Five Crosses - would it make more sense for the committee and supporter to re-direct their energies into making the "Fives" the hub of the community as the "Tyn" never was".

The Five Crosses is situated on the main A525 trunk and has a beer garden adjacent to flats and an industrial estate. The Tyn y Capel is situated in a conservation area on a quite county road opposite Minera Church and has stunning views across the valley to Esclusham mountain. I really do not think that the two can be compared. Furthermore, I personally find Mr Robert's comments most offensive, to tell people where to direct their energies and drink when the Tyn y Capel has been here far longer than the Five Crosses.

Mr Roberts also says in his submission that "Prior to closure another part of the company, i.e. Deevale Homecare & Services and an Activities Based Day Centre, moved into rented space within the Tyn y Capel in an attempt to support it financially (February 2010). Deevale Homecare offices have in fact always had a presence at the Tyn y Capel but currently six staff operate from these offices to supervise the day to day operations of the Homecare Agency which covers large areas of Wrexham County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council with whom we hold long standing contracts. Staff employed at this office support the Day Centre which also holds a contract with Wrexham County Borough Council."

Now I was under the impression that, in addition to the running of a public house, the only other business being run from the Tyn y Capel was the Activity Based Day Centre. However as can be seen from the above extract it would appear that for some considerable time a separate agency business has also been run from the Tyn y Capel.

I believe that this is a "back door application" to change the use of the premises. It seems to me that once the Day Centre was established and successful there would be no need to keep the pub open and closing it was inevitable and going completely against the requirements of S9.

We hope that the Planning Inspectorate will refuse the appeal and support Wrexham Planning Committees original decision.

The appellant's representative refers to a "damning Facebook campaign" against the proposed changes to the Tyn y Capel. I have to disagree, Facebook is one of today's most popular social networking sites and what better way is there for an action committee to get their message across to the populous? I can only assume it was considered to be a damning campaign for the simple reason it was very successful.

Finally, please note that although we are not on the committee ourselves, we whole heartedly support the campaign to save the pub and like many other people from within and outside Minera community, feel that the heart has been ripped out of the village by the closure have

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pledged money to help towards the potential purchase of the Tyn y Capel.

Yours faithfully

Sylvia & Colin Dawson