



Clwyd Badger Group
Cymdeithas Moch Daeaf Clwyd



20th May 2017
The Planning Inspectorate,
Crown Buildings
Cathays Park,
Cardiff CF10 3NQ

Dear Sir,

Planning Application: P/2016/0712

Proposal: Outline Application to erect 47 dwellings and associated works.

Location: Land at the Bungalow Darland Lodge, Gamford Lane, Rossett, Wrexham LL12 0BA

Government/Planning Inspectorate Ref: H6955/A/17/3173915

We are very concerned about this proposed development. There is an active badger sett in a woodland area of the garden of Darland Hall which is adjacent to the site earmarked for development. Recently, one of our surveyors visited the sett and reported as follows:

'There is a large badger sett (12+ active holes) in the woodland of the garden at Darland Hall in excess of 140m from the boundary of the proposed development site and there is evidence of badgers using the garden and that of the neighbouring property for foraging. However, there are two paths leading from the woodland through the gardens towards the development site and a latrine at the boundary of the site. It is probable that the badgers are attracted to the area by the apples from the fruit trees growing on site and the two ponds which provide drinking water.' By the way, the ponds were not mentioned in the ecological report which accompanied the planning application.

In view of the foraging and drinking water available to the badgers, we feel that these attributes should be given careful consideration before a decision is made regarding this Planning Appeal.

Yours Faithfully


Treasurer and Acting Secretary.