







Statement from local Ward member

Reference Planning Application 060475. Land East of McDonalds, St Asaph Road, Lloc, Holywell.

I strongly Object to this planning application. The "Singing Kettle" site was just a public house and is now a site massively larger in area. This facility which is at its maximum output already provides for the needs of the area and tourists.

Lloc is not classified as a Settlement, this site would be in Open Countryside immediately adjacent Pen y Gelli, a woodland which is much loved.

This whole site is problematical and well known to the Police and County Council. The largest level of crime in the Whitford ward is from this site and the most dangerous parking area is also this site. The double yellow lines on the A5026 which forms the entrance have this month been extended towards the woodland, however transgressions are still witnessed.

This application does not conform to various policies including; STR1, STR2, STR5, STR6, STR7, STR9, STR10, GEN1, GEN3, GEN5, GEN6, TWH1, AC13, AC14, AC18, AC19, S1, S8, and others.

The Singing Kettle site is reached from the A55 via 2 roundabouts, the A5151 and then the A5026, it is certainly not adjacent the Expressway, and all in a 50mph zone.

The Planning Statement from the applicant in section 4 attempts to justify reasons for allowing such an outrageous plan and mainly just quotes from the plan itself. In 4.1 Policy STR1 concerning brownfield sites, this site will certainly not have a healthy (KFC) or a safe environment, the vehicle movements will make the area more dangerous.

STR2; this application does the opposite for what is required, it encourages vehicle use.

STR6; The needs of fast food drive thrus (however healthy they are) are already met, and is certainly not a rural diversification.

STR7; Astoudingly quotes how these fast drive thrus will contribute to "enhancing the character of the open countryside" In my view the application becomes morally wrong and totally unacceptable.

AC13; The proven record of accidents, reports to county council including highway safety site visits, Whitford Community Council meetings and reports, plus peoples own accounts of near misses testify to the dangers on and near this site.

Crown Estate a residential road close by is affected by the Singing Kettle, noise, lighting, traffic, littering, and sewerage odours, affecting Pant y Waco a full mile away, all this this would be aggravated by further

use. The woodland of Pen y Gelli is a delight in the countryside an oasis from neon advertising, and a plastic society. This is a woodland already affected, but by building as close as possible to this green space is abhorrent.

I request the Committee to help Safeguard the Countryside, its residents and all our futures.

Statement from Local Resident

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My main concern with this development is the increase in traffic that will occur around the junctionits entrance, the slip road leading to the various facilities, and parking on the main road outside it. It is already a busy junction, with a constant stream of traffic in and out, and is excessively busy during bank holidays, outside of term time, and on some weekends. I am concerned that this existing junction is going to be used for this development, which is making provision for over 53 extra cars, and the build-up of traffic in and out of this junction is going to be too much, perhaps even hazardous. I say this as large vehicles such as lorries and haulage trucks also use the current facilities as a stop, with these or other vehicles often using the entrance road for parking, meaning that the route in is sometimes one way. The extra traffic that this development would generate I believe would lead to congestion problems around the entrance and exit of the site. Furthermore, vehicles often park directly outside McDonalds on the main road, sometimes leading to poor visibility when travelling to/from the roundabout. The presence of yellow lines only results in vehicles parking further up the road or on the grass directly outside McDonalds. Overall, I think the increase in traffic that this development will bring will impact negatively on highway safety. Furthermore, litter, already visible along the surrounding roadsides, is likely to increase with these other amenities.