

# Statement from Local Ward member

Planning Application 061081 Pwll Glas Inn Afonwen.

Statement by Caerwys Ward to FCC Planning Committee.

## **Statement.**

I respectfully refer members to the written submission I made expressing my opposition to this application as the Caerwys ward Councillor. 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

This is not an application for one building alone, it concerns the whole community and I draw Members attention to the wider impacts expressed in the Unitary Development Plan titled Ensuring a Sustainable Future for Flintshire.

The county strategy is stated as 'seeking to bring about active and thriving communities with the principles of sustainability, social inclusion and equal opportunity.

This County has already granted permissions for 4 significant developments within Afonwen as listed in my previous submission. Together they bring 19 new homes (054671), a conference centre (059450), an expanded holiday park (057687) and a new park with 250 lodges and a touring caravan site (060219). Three will create longer term local employment and a visiting population that will seek to use a local facility such as the Pwll Gwyn Inn.

This venue is the last remaining place that can provide a community meeting space and generate a significant income following the granting of the 4 developments listed.

Flintshire's UDP states that it will make Flintshire a better place to live and work and enhance the quality of life of its local residents by improving social well-being ensuring that both the needs of visitors and residents are met and the need for travel is minimised.

Without the Pwll Gwyn the potential for an additional 1,500 visitors seeking to enjoy the local area and its facilities will put enormous additional pressure on Caerwys town in terms of traffic and parking, both of which will act to diminish the quality of life for the town.

There is a genuine interest from other parties to purchase and operate the Pwll Gwyn as an Inn and the only reason that the Inn has not got a recent history of trading is that the new owners chose to undertake different economic interests; the former owners making full use of the new £40,000 kitchen to produce processed food goods on a commercial basis.

The residents, myself and other interested parties believe that the Pwll Gwyn has a viable future as an Inn and that it will be a focal point for the many visitors and residents and keep Afonwen as an active, thriving community of social inclusion and local employment, all of which are being stated as the ambitions of the County's own UDP.

I respectfully ask that you refuse permission for this application.

Thank you / Diolch

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Following on from my original objection, all the points I made remain valid. Afonwen is a hamlet which has many long standing local residents. Over the years, we have seen caravan and holiday lodge parks expand in this very small community and there is no more space for anymore holiday let's, holiday parks or lodge parks. The area has seen increased police presence due to drunken and rowdy behaviour, increased noise levels and litter to name but a few which have been a direct result of having too many holiday establishments in the area and it needs to stop.

The public house should remain as such and stay a local resource for a local community. There is only this facility left in the village which allows for social gathering within the community and be a community hub.

There has already been permission granted to extend Herons retreat and also the caravan park behind it, granting a further 50 plus lodges. Maes mynnan park has also been given planning for a large number of lodges.....this is enough for such a small area.

As with most of these developments, money to councils comes from developments like this proposal which is often chosen rather than giving respect to local communities who don't want any further holiday developments in the area.

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**Site**

Pwyll gwyn hotel

Afonwen

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