

Dear Constituent,

Re: Planning permission for c.480 home development at Ystrad Barwig Isaf, Crown Hill, Llantwit Fardre, Pontypridd, CF38 1BL 480

I have written previously to update you on the progress of the above planning application, which has attracted significant local opposition.

You will be aware that I spoke at the Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council planning meeting on the 7th July 2016 in support of constituents opposing the application, but unfortunately planning permission was granted.

In August 2016 I wrote to Lesley Griffiths, the Cabinet Secretary responsible for planning issues and asked her to intervene on this issue on the basis that the Llantwit Fardre area is not capable of sustaining additional housing development beyond that already in place or approved.

I write now to further update you on developments.

The proposed development is on a C2 floodplain and for this reason has been 'called-in' by Welsh Government. This means that Planning Inspectorate Wales will review the decision in respect of flood mitigation to ensure that it complies with the requirements of national policy in respect of building on a C2 floodplain.

However, the Inspectorate will also consider other issues relating to the application. I have enclosed a copy of my submission to the Planning Inspectorate, which highlights the adverse impact on congestion, safety and accessibility in the area.

If you wish to make a written representation to the Inspectorate this must be received no later than 22 February 2017. Please note that a public hearing will be held in May, but contributions from members of the public are at the discretion of the Inspectorate, so I would encourage you to make any representation in writing. Representations should be sent to: wales@pins.gsi.gov.uk

I should emphasise that the Planning Inspectorate is completely apolitical and my immediate involvement is to make a representation to the Planning Inspectorate as your local Assembly Member. That said, I will continue to pursue this matter to the best of my ability within the consultation framework.

Yours Sincerely



Mick Antoniw AM
Assembly Member for Pontypridd