



Yew Tree Cottage
West Aberthaw
Vale of Glamorgan
CF624JA

10th January 2017

Re: Planning Application 2014/00870/LBC
Barns at West Aberthaw Farm

Dear Sir,

I am writing as a concerned resident of West Aberthaw regarding the proposed change of use of the proposed residential dwellings at the above location.

I have been informed by the builders that these are no longer going to be private dwellings but are now going to be a series of residential homes for children with autism spectrum that cannot be cared for at their own home. The builders are currently altering the conversions to comply with the regulations for housing such children.

My concerns are that residents of West Aberthaw, who were looking forward to new housing in the community, have not been consulted on this change of use and that as far as I can see there has been no application for such a development.

The biggest concern is the additional increase in traffic to the premises on what are basically single-track lanes with no designated passing places. The intention apparently is to have in the region of 8 to 10 children with individual carers who will work on a shift system. This would mean that on shift changeover there could be a stream of 10 vehicles entering and leaving the premises. On top of this there would also be parents visiting, food deliveries etc. The lane to the site on the northwest Gileston side throughout the winter is basically a muddy track due to erosion of the banks from farm and wide vehicles, so it means that most people once they know the area are likely to travel along the north eastern lane. This is already the busiest side with most residents of West Aberthaw using that route.

I submit this letter for your information as I accept that you probably cannot deal with the matter until an application for change of use is made.

Yours faithfully


A.C.Morris