

Yours ref! Planning  
Application No! 2016/01160/OUT

15, Raglanvale Court,  
Llantwit Major,

Mr. Morgan P. Howell,

Vale of Glamorgan Council,

Planning Dept.,

Dock Office, Barry Docks,

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Regeneration  
and Planning

24th January, 2018.

Dear Sir,

PROPOSED TOURIST DEVELOPMENT AT WOODSIDE  
HAMLET, LLANTWIT MAJOR.

I object very strongly to the above-named  
application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development is unsuitable for the area as it would be partly on a Conservation Area as well as on valuable countryside. The Prime Minister has stressed again the responsibility of everyone to safeguard the environment. Surely the Vale of Glamorgan Council has a duty to protect and preserve Conservation Areas for the benefit of all, not assist in their destruction for individual commercial gain. Why would the Council be considering a proposal to damage or destroy such an area?

2. The proposed development would result in the destruction and loss of more habitat in the locality (especially since the unauthorised barn demolition near the Ham Manor 'cottages') of bats, birds of prey, kingfishers, bats, badgers, foxes as well as the more usual birds and animals of woodland and/or water environments. Some of these are in dire need of their protected status. No doubt the legal surveys would be required.
3. The proposed development area is an old, established environment that gives this part of residential Llanfair its desirable and distinctive quiet ambience. The proposed development would result in, probably, destruction of trees and, as part of the pathway to the, much valued by many, Heritage Coast. It would detract from its appeal by removing part of its natural character.
4. For everyone to enjoy the natural surroundings and wildlife it is counter productive to destroy its natural tranquility by living in its woodland. Far better to live or stay somewhere else and visit it. Other camp sites exist already nearby and with far less impact.
5. Part of the proposed development site is

marshy and so has the mammals and plants of such habitats. It is liable to flooding during periods of prolonged and/or heavy rain. The possibility of someone falling in or into this area at such times, especially without the benefit of local knowledge, would be a real health and safety concern.

6. The natural cycle of growth and decline should be seen in the proper professional management of this woodland to ensure its future. Where are the proposals for the replacement of any failing tree and supplementary planting to maintain such a valuable resource for the future? The Heritage Coast and its hinterland need to be protected and conserved for the future.
7. The proposed development for visitors will inevitably be a source of increased noise, pollution, traffic, congestion and disruption for the human residents and the wildlife.
8. The change in the light levels reaching the ground in the woodland would change the environment for the wildlife and plants.
9. The lack of proper on-site supervision for the 'campsite' would be another aspect of concern from noise, traffic, rubbish etc resulting whilst further provisions for these

on site would just increase the adversity for the woodland and wildlife.

- a. Any of the proposed routes of access and/or exit are unsuitable from safety and congestion considerations. Walls, trees and boulders obscure the view.
- ii. The Mill-Lay Lane is particularly unsuitable with its narrow, winding route very much appreciated by residents and walkers with, in some cases, their small children and/or dogs. Altering this in any way would harm the natural character of the Vale countryside leading to the Heritage Coast. Currently it is in keeping with the quiet rural nature of the area - the very reason so many people of all ages are attracted to visit an unspoilt, uncommercialised area.

Please do not allow artificiality and individual commercial greed to obliterate the very characteristics of its natural tranquility that are the essence of its appeal.

Honest faithfully,

