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Subject: 115/2024 URGENT :Call In Request on Planning Application, Ref: PL/02167
Carmarthenshire County Council

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2024 4:52 PM
To: Planning Directorate Mailbox [REDACTED]
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My name is [REDACTED]

My address is: [REDACTED]

I act on behalf of a Community Group - Save Cilyrychen Quarry Campaign, a local residents group formed to oppose approval of the above Planning Application which we fear will destroy our village community and our quality of life. We have consistently opposed this proposed development since the application was first submitted more than 2 years ago. We have now been made aware that the application will be decided by the planning authority at a meeting scheduled for the 15th August, 2024. We set out below a summary of the objections to this application. We further understand that, despite the huge amount of local opposition, the planners are recommending approval on the basis that " there have been no objections from the statutory consultees", totally ignoring the expressed wishes and fears of the local community who both fund and elect that authority. There is now a palpable level of fear and dread amongst the local residents whose views our group represent and we earnestly request that, on foot of this letter, the Minister for Planning will now, on our behalf, "Call In" this application. Our objections are set out, in summary, below. There is available, on the Carmarthenshire County Council planning register a full history and documentation of all submissions made in relation to this application.

OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSAL PL/02167

This proposal should be refused given the basis for approval is fundamentally flawed because it ignores four key factors summarised below (further details in separate submissions).

Ø The sustained and widespread local opposition to the proposed development. (See petition: 95 pages of 2,073 signatures; 139 individual objections lodged on the council website.)

Ø The impact that the increase in Heavy Goods Vehicles will have on the village.

· The Skip lorries bringing the waste material to the proposed site and the Tpper lorries removing the output would all pass through the small village of Llandybie, passing the narrow pinch point at the village entrance and over the Primary School crossing.

· The applicant states that there will be no more lorries than used the quarry prior to its closure more than 2 decades ago. There were 70 a day across the weighbridge then, so 140 a day minimum, approximately 15 an hour or 1 every 4 minutes.

· Apart from the noise and risk to residents of this traffic, the resultant pollution would be dangerous for locals and school children (e.g see 2020 Coroner's court ruling on the death of [REDACTED])

The main artery through Llandybie, the A483, cannot at present accommodate more than one car and one goods vehicle passing in opposite directions yet neither traffic survey nor pollution monitoring has been undertaken.

Ø The threat to the fragile ecosystem and priority habitats established in the quarry and the surrounding area. This was specified in the Planning [REDACTED] original holding objection, but the following serious issues seem to have been overlooked or ignored in subsequent documentation.

· Inadequate surveys for Fauna do not conform to British Standards because they were not carried out within the appropriate season. Therefore, Net Benefit for Biodiversity cannot be guaranteed as the actual populations affected remain unknown.

· No surveys exist of the Priority 7 Habitat Oligotrophic / Dystrophic Lake. No baseline data has been collected for water quality making future monitoring impossible.

Ø The detrimental effect of the noise and dust from the unit on the surrounding quiet rural landscape and the residents therein.

For these reasons any decision to approve this proposal will be unsafe.

Please confirm receipt of this request which, we hope, you will agree to.

Thank you for your attention.

On behalf of the Save Cilyrychen Quarry Campaign, Llandybie and Environs

