

New Petitions Correspondence

Supporting information provided by the Petitioner

The Residents of Lower Brynmawr,

(Alma Street, Greenland Road, Factory Road and Clarence Street)

Petition Committee,
The National Assembly for Wales,
Cardiff Bay,
Cardiff,
CF99 1NA

8th March 2010

Re: Supporting letter to petition for opposition to proposed Factory Road Development.

To whom it may concern,

We, the residents of this area local to the aforementioned proposed development, are very concerned about the release of this site by the Welsh Assembly Government to Melin Homes for the purpose of "Affordable Housing." Whilst we find the creation of such dwellings to be commendable and hold a great deal of merit; we believe this is the wrong location.

The Factory Road site is surrounded by a strong and long established residential community. This is an area with a close-knit community, which is quiet and relatively trouble free; a nice place to live. Furthermore, it is not only a nice place to live for the existing community, but also for those future residents in the right development.

This is an enclosed site with very limited space in which to build. To overload this with too many dwellings, which is often the case with these types of developments, will put a huge strain on local byroads and other services. It will not only spoil our way of life but it will also be a poor prospect for future residents, a great area to live be over developed, and all for the profit of a few remote individuals.

Please come and see for yourselves what is really at stake; so much damage could be done to this area, our home, that I cannot implore you enough to take the local people's

concerns and fears into account. We have summoned the support of our local and national (Welsh) representatives, such is our desire to be both democratic and fair on such matters. We believe we are being fair minded and not parochial or of a NIMBY mentality.

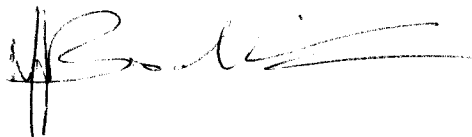
What a wonderful site this would be for a relatively small amount of residential dwellings, where people who are stake-holders in our local community are able to enjoy a way of life that we have become accustomed to. Or alternatively for senior citizens bungalows, as such a level site which is closely located to the town and amenities, would be ideal.

This a close community geographically as well as socially, therefore whatever activity occurs during and on completion of the development, will impact the surrounding community profoundly. This is different to all recent local developments and needs to be treated with a special sensitivity during the consideration process. Melin's proposals, which were presented to us late last year, are a million miles from what this area needs on this site. I understand these have been scaled down but are still a long way short of what is needed and desired.

There are many other sites in the area, open sites which would lend themselves to the type of "Affordable Housing" of the type Melin has proposed. Although we must ask the question, is this sort of housing required at all? With so many council premises left unoccupied and so many other relatively low cost houses for sale and left unsold for long periods; could we flood the market with low cost housing?

Enclosed is a ten signature petition, which is a representative sample of the larger two hundred or so signature version we first submitted. I hope this petition, along with this supporting letter, will allow you to process our case on this very worrying matter.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B. L.', written in a cursive style.

Lower Brynmawr Residents.