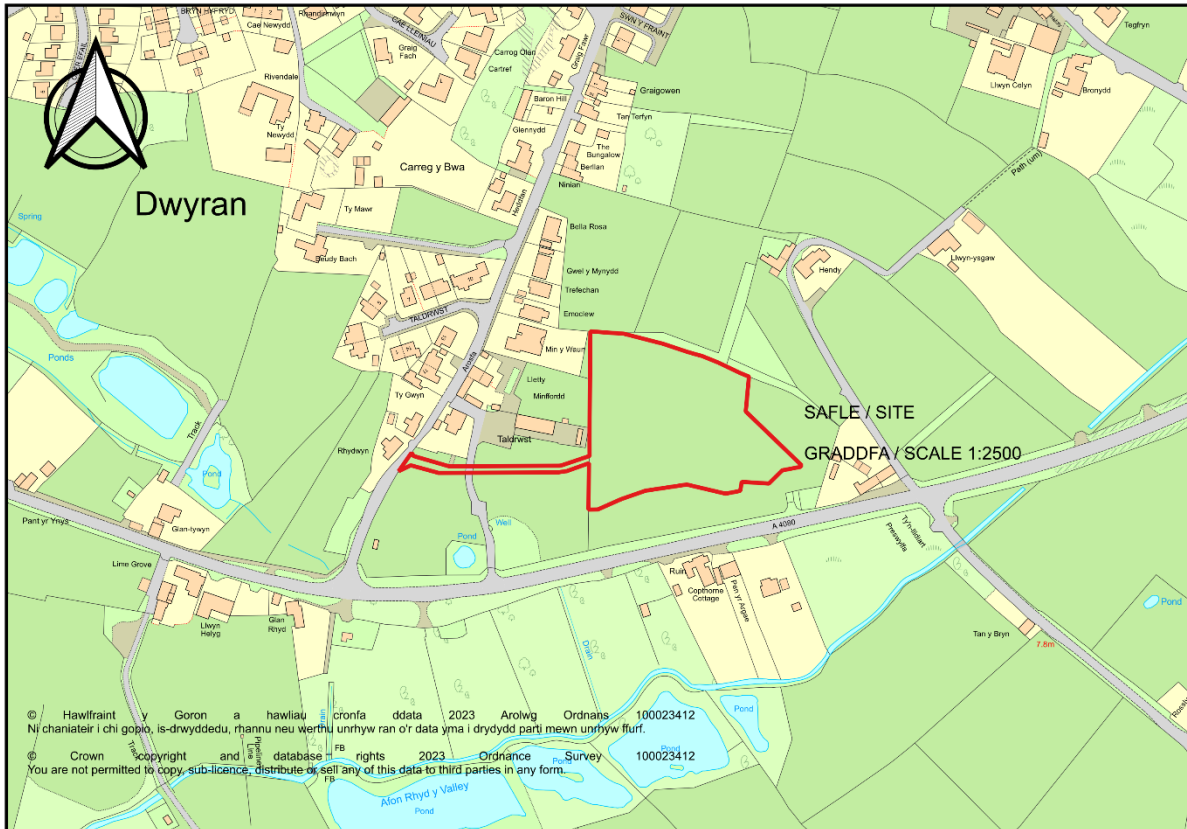


Application Reference: FPL/2023/61

Applicant: Mr G Williams

Description: Full application for the change of use of agricultural land into holiday lodge site, siting 13 holiday lodges, construction of new road on site, alterations to existing vehicular access together with soft and hard landscaping on land at

Site Address: Taldrwst, Lon Fain, Dwyran



Report of Head of Regulation and Economic Development Service (Sion Hughes)

Recommendation: Defer

Reason for Reporting to Committee

The application is presented to the planning committee at the request of local member Arfon Wyn. At the committee meeting held on the 1st of November 2023, the members voted to conduct a physical site visit. The site visit took place on the 15th of November 2023 and therefore the members will now be familiar with the site and its surroundings.

At the committee meeting held on the 6th December, 2023, members resolved to refuse the application contrary to officer recommendation. The given reasons were as following;

- **Insufficient drainage information provided to allow members to make a decision.**

In such circumstances paragraph 4.6.12.1 of the Council's Constitution requires that:

"Where the Committee are mindful to either approve or refuse a proposed development contrary to an Officer recommendation, the item shall be deferred until the following meeting so as to allow the officers to report further on the matter. The Committee must set out the reasons for wishing to decide against the officer recommendation. Committee members should adhere to these Rules when making planning decisions and take policy guidance from planning officers into due regard and only vote against their recommendations where genuine and material planning reasons can be identified. A detailed minute of the Committee's reason(s) shall be made and a copy placed on the application file. Where deciding the matter contrary to the recommendation may risk costs on appeal the Committee will take a recorded vote when deciding the application irrespective of the requirements of paragraph 4.1.18.5 of the Constitution."

Paragraph 4.6.12.2 requires that;

"The officer's further report shall detail the reasons put forward by the members, indicate whether such reasons are, in their view, genuine and material planning reasons and discuss the land use planning issues raised."

This report will therefore give consideration to these matters.

The department would again like to reiterate that surface water matters are outside of the remit of the planning process and as such it is not possible or reasonable to insist that such matters are fully addressed as part of any planning application. Despite this, the developer has agreed to provide this information for the benefit of the planning committee so as a decision may be made. At the time of writing this report, details of porosity tests have been provided in order to ascertain the acceptability of the proposed soakaways and is being considered by the Local Authority drainage team. The department propose the application is deferred until the next planning committee so as the information has been fully assessed.

Recommendation

Defer