Elected Member Appendix 11

Dear Mr Morgan

I write as the Councillor representing residents from my ward who live in Mynyddislwyn.

I wish to object to the new premises licence at The Lodge, Ty Cae Brith Mynyddislwyn also known as the dog house and below is my reasons for this, I am fully aware it doesn't come under my ward however the effects from granting this licence will have a huge impact on my residents who live in the surrounding area.

Over a period of time, I have been made aware of the amount of traffic that has increased on the mountain and in fact I have been informed of a few near misses and one has already had a prang, thankfully no one or animal was hurt. I can also say that on numerous occasions you always see a lot of walkers and horse riders using the lanes.

Having covered this area for over 10 years and going up there quite often I must say that driving up the mountain is quite different to driving in Newbridge or even Pentwynmawr. The fact that it's a national speed limit on the mountain for those who are not used to it will not know that it is impossible to drive at anywhere near that speed and me personally I seem to drive slower on the mountain than I would do in Newbridge for you cannot see for the amount of bends plus there are few passing spots so you must always be aware of what is coming towards you.

These roads are heavily used by farm vehicles some off which has forks or buckets on the front and with drivers not used to driving these roads and coming onto the mountain to attend a wedding or event then the risk is even higher.

I have also seen an advert for a bottomless brunch with unlimited alcohol and this worries me a lot as it is advertised on snapchat which goes out to a young audience, who could be driving on mountain roads that they are not used to and possibly have consumed some alcohol.

Are we as a council going to allow this trye of event to be allowed to be targeting our young people for that is the age snapchat is aimed at.

Our mountain has over the years had very few accidents and many because those who go up there do so often and know how to drive, but I do have grave concerns that with more going up there then I fear that we could see a large increase in accidents, and this is not something that I want to see.

Yours sincerely

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