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Subject: Local development plan 2018-2033 consultation
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Re: Proposed Development on Agricultural Land , Caeffynnon Road, Llanfairfechan.

This land in question has always , in my living memory (I'm 84 years old) , been designated as agricultural land , being solely for the purpose of rearing livestock (see photographs).

Agriculture is defined as: “horticulture, fruit growing, seed growing, dairy farming, the breeding and keeping of livestock (including any creature kept for the production of food, wool, skins or fur, or for the purpose of its use in the farming of land) the use of land as grazing land, meadow land, osier land etc

As you can see from my images , sheep are grazing on this field and there are bales of hay waiting for collection.

I do understand that opportunities do exist to develop housing of some sort , even on agricultural land, and appreciate that local authorities must have a plan in place to address the housing shortage in Wales as in the rest of the UK.

However, from what I've read , rules that surround planning and development on agricultural land are strict and consequently getting planning permission on such land is very difficult indeed and quite rightly so.

I feel there's a good reason for this. Protecting our country's green aspect is incredibly important to me . I feel that our way of life depends as much on preserving its natural beauty as it does on the income that can be generated from building more property.

Although I accept articles that prove the proportion of our economy involved in agriculture has dropped significantly in the last century , I also agree with those who say that there is still a need for us to sustain our way of life through domestic production of food and drink, and that any further erosion of this for development will only leave us more susceptible to shortages and increasing prices, especially post Brexit.

The Welsh food and drink industry is a massive and growing contribution to its economy, as I've witnessed with the regular Festivals in Llanfairfechan's surrounding areas , that attract hundreds and thousands of visitors every year.

Replacing such areas with a suggested development of 400 homes can only have a significant detrimental impact on this gateway to Llanfairfechan in my opinion.

I hope you will factor in my observations along with the Action Group's objections, plus recommendations from Llanfairfechan Town Council, neighbours, highway engineers, environmental health officers and other specialists if needed (tree officers, conservation officers and archaeologists etc,) before reaching your final decision.

I wholeheartedly agree that the integrity of agricultural land in Wales is the primary concern of every local authority.

Yours sincerely,
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