



Penderfyniad ar yr Apêl

Ymweliad â safle a wnaed ar 14/01/2008

Appeal Decision

Site visit made on 14/01/2008

gan/by Anthony H Vaughan BSc CEng MICE MRTPI

Arolygydd a benodwyd gan y Gweinidog
dros yr Amgylchedd, Gynaliadwyedd a
Thai, un o Weinidogion Cymru

an Inspector appointed by the Minister for
Environment, Sustainability and Housing,
one of the Welsh Ministers

Dyddiad/Date 05/02/08

Appeal Ref: APP/P9502/A/07/2059554

Site address: Pentre Barn, Llantilio Pertholey, Abergavenny.

The Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing has transferred the authority to decide this appeal to me as the appointed Inspector.

- The appeal is made by Mr and Mrs Bryan Challenor under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against the decision of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA) to refuse to grant planning permission.
- The application Ref 07/00790/FUL, dated 18 January 2007, was refused by the BBNPA by notice dated 28 June 2007.
- The development is a new access drive.

Procedural matters

1. The access and driveway are already in place and in use and I shall deal with the appeal accordingly.

Decision

2. For the reasons given below, **I dismiss this appeal.**

Main issue

3. This is the effect that the project has upon highway safety.

Reasons

4. The Trunk Road Authority has directed refusal of this planning application in line with the advice in TD 41/95 Design Manual for Roads and Bridges. The essence of the direction is:
 - (a) The proposal involves the establishment of a new property access onto a section of the trunk road which is subject to the national speed limit and would lead to conditions detrimental to the safety and free flow of traffic on the trunk road.
 - (b) The access is sited on a straight section of trunk road where overtaking manoeuvres take place. The proposals would therefore exacerbate the potential hazard at this location on the trunk road.
5. Having inspected and used the access point and viewed the speed of passing traffic I agree with this Direction. I consider that the increased use of this access

to serve one dwelling would materially harm highway safety standards in this locality endangering both the Appellants and other users of the trunk road. Moreover, the stated visibility distances at 175m in the most recent written submission from the appellants (Letter dated 18 December 2007 Ref GAH/1/CHA.B/1/M) fall short of what would be expected in this location where traffic travels at high speed with concomitant overtaking manoeuvres. To permit the access to remain would not comply with relevant policies from the BBNPA interim UDP.

6. I note what has been said about the use of the existing alternative access to the dwelling. However, in my view its use is preferable to a new direct link with a high speed carriageway.
7. I have considered all other matters raised, including the other access points onto the A465 referred to in the submissions, but find nothing that turns me away from my decision.

A H Vaughan

INSPECTOR