# Application Ref: NP/11/327

Application Type

Outline

Grid Ref:

SN14194222

**Applicant** 

Mr & Mrs G Davies

Agent

Mr R Hanly

Proposal

New dwelling with approval sought for access only

Site Location

Land opposite Y Gorlan, Glanrhyd, Cardigan,

Pembrokeshire, SA43 3PA

Case Officer

Julia Evans

### Summary

This application was recommended for refusal at the November meeting, but members indicated that they wished to grant outline planning permission for a single dwelling on the site. As this represents a departure from the adopted Development Plan a "cooling off" period is required and the matter referred to the Welsh Government for a decision as to whether it wishes to call in the application.

No decision has been received from the Welsh Government but it is understood that this will be provided prior to the meeting. It remains your officer's view that this application is contrary to adopted policy and would represent development in the open countryside with no justification, and be harmful to the special qualities of the National Park. As such the application is recommended for refusal should the application not be the subject to 'Call In'.

### Consultee Response

Nevern Community Council: Supporting

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water: Conditional Consent

**Environment Agency:** Conditional Consent - 'No objection to the proposal in principle, but advise that you establish that the site can accommodate the foul drainage system prior to determination'.

PCC - Transportation & Environment: Conditional Consent

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water: Conditional Consent

## Public Response

The application has been advertised and neighbour notifications have been undertaken.

Four letters of support have been received on the grounds that a new, family home would be an asset to Glanrhyd and that regeneration of small local communities with new families is very important.

### Policies considered

LDP Policy 01 - National Park Purposes and Duty

LDP Policy 07 - Countryside

LDP Policy 08 - Special Qualities

LDP Policy 09 - Light Pollution

LDP Policy 15 - Conservation of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park

LDP Policy 29 - Sustainable Design

LDP Policy 30 - Amenity

LDP Policy 31 - Minimising Waste

LDP Policy 32 - Surface Water Drainage

LDP Policy 44 - Housing

LDP Policy 45 - Affordable housing

LDP Policy 52 - Sustainable Transport

LDP Policy 53 - Impacts on traffic

PPW4 Chapter 04 - Planning for Sustainability

PPW4 Chapter 05 - Conserving and Improving Natural Heritage and the

Coast

PPW4 Chapter 08 - Transport

PPW4 Chapter 09 - Housing

PPW4 Chapter 12 - Infrastructure and Services

PPW4 Chapter 13 - Minimising and Managing Environmental Risks and

**Pollution** 

SPG01 - Affordable Housing

SPG03 - Sustainable Design

SPG06 - Landscape Character Assessment Study, June 2009

SPG10 - Parking

TAN 02 - Planning and Affordable Housing

TAN 06 - Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities

TAN 12 - Design

TAN 18 - Transport

TAN 22 - Planning for Sustainable Buildings

#### Officer's Appraisal

#### **Background**

This outline application for a dwelling was reported to the Development Management committee in November. (A full copy of that report is attached). The recommendation was of refusal but members considered that there were grounds on which that recommendation should be set aside and indicated that they were minded to grant planning permission contrary to the view of officers.

It was considered that this was a departure from policy and members were advised that there would be a "cooling off" period in line with the Authority's adopted policy and that the matter would be referred to the Welsh Government to give the government an opportunity to call in the application and determine it.

Following the November meeting the application was advertised and publicised as a departure from the adopted development plan as required by the Regulations and only on completion of that process could the application be forwarded. The application has been forwarded but at the time of writing this report we have not received the Welsh Government's decision on this matter but have been informed that a decision will be made prior to the committee date. Members will be updated at the meeting in this respect.

At the November meeting members recorded their reasons for supporting the application and these have also been forwarded to the Welsh Government.

On the assumption that the Welsh Government advise that it is not calling in the application the cooling off period has elapsed and it is now for Members to consider the application again in the knowledge that if it is approved that this would be contrary to adopted policy.

The officer's view has not changed; the site is located in the open countryside where new dwellings are not acceptable unless they are justified in exceptional circumstances or are sensitive infilling or rounding off of an existing hamlet. It is not considered that this site offers such an opportunity, a view that was taken at a previous appeal in relation to the development of this site. The application has not been supported with sufficient special circumstances or material reasons to override the compelling planning objection and the reasons for refusal. The proposal would also harm the special qualities of the National Park as it would encroach into the open countryside and be a clear departure from the existing settlement pattern. The recommendation of refusal therefore remains as stated on the November committee report.

## Recommendations

The application is therefore recommended for refusal.

