

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATION REPLY FORM

Observations on Preliminary Enquiries, Outline Applications and other applications under the Town & Country Planning Act

Application No.: DM/2023/01200

Case Officer: Mr Adam Foote

Development Address: The Old Forge, The Old Smithy, Main Road, Portskewett, NP26 5SG

Please find below observations and /or recommendations regarding the above application from **Portskewett Community Council** which I would be grateful if you would take into account when considering the application.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE APPLICATION BE: **Refused**

REASON/CONDITION: *The application was considered by members between Council meetings. Councillors raised the following concerns regarding the application:*

- 1. The original development of the site had a restriction on it stating no outhouses or garage's should be built there as they would detract from the open space of the Village Green. The log cabin did not therefore comply with the planning consent originally granted for the site.*
- 2. The log cabin is not in keeping with neighbouring developments which are in stone; and an application relating to a neighbouring property was amended for this reason, resulting in stone having to be used, thereby setting a precedent. Given the location, in a prominent part of the village, members feel the application for the log cabin should not have been approved.*
- 3. The original application for the log cabin stated that it would be for family use, there was no mention of business use for tourism. Councillors expressed concerns regarding the original application, that given the building would have a bathroom, it would offer the potential for it to be lived in or let. The current application, if approved, would allow that to happen, which was not the original purpose for the building.*

If you object, please tick if you would like to speak at Planning Committee