

Submission for Mr William Carrol.

I am the traveller that lives in Llangan. I am writing to object to the expansion of the site in Llangan and to propose an alternative site that I own.

I purchased a site in Llangan on the main road and applied for planning permission for myself and my family. The application was refused as it was considered an intrusion into the open countryside and there were issues with the highway and a nearby quarry.

I appealed the submission which was rejected for the same reasons.

Officers at South Glamorgan Council took up my case and identified a site adjacent to the village of Llangan. The reason that I needed a site specifically for my family is that I have an autistic son who requires a lot of support but does not cope well with others and change (this is described in many background papers supporting my case to live in a rural location).

The planning for the site provided by the council was overturned and I again tried to gain permission for my site which was again refused.

I have received many promises from the council over the years in trying to find me another site but none of these have been kept.

We have now lived on the site for close to 20 years where we have integrated into the local community. I conduct my work from the site.

I am objecting to the further expansion of the site for many reasons. The council have not recognised that travellers of different backgrounds do not mix well. If the expansion of the site was to happen there would be no control over the denomination of the travellers which would lead to conflict. This is not good practice and is not in accordance with the Travellers Council Guidance which I believe is replicated in Welsh Government design guidance. Even if another family was allocated, due to the specific nature of my family (my son) we would be left in a position where we would have to leave.

At no time has the Council discussed this with us and I do not understand when they are aware of my situation that they are proposing to expand the site.

I love living in Llangan and I believe that I can prove that after 20 years that I have a local connection. That is why I would really like to get planning consent on my own site as I would want the continuing threat of the expansion of the site to end as it causing a lot of stress for all my family. Failing this I would like to remain living where we currently are.