

Dear minister,

I am requesting that the Welsh Government calls in the application for the erection of a freestanding McDonald's drive-thru/restaurant in the Ammanford Tesco car park – Ref PL/05597.

I submitted my objections the Carmarthenshire Planning following a public meeting held by myself in Ammanford in April that was attended by over 55 local people. I called the meeting because of people approaching me with their concerns. A vote by show of hands showed that no one was in favour of the application as the site was deemed inappropriate for this type of business.

The following are the main reasons for my objections to this application.

The site is located in close proximity to housing thus creating both air and noise-pollution for 24 hours every day. Cars idling will produce toxic fumes from vehicle exhausts, that will travel toward individuals' homes and gardens. This will have a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of those people and their children.

The level of noise that will emanate from both delivery and customer vehicles will also add to the discomfort of householders who will be within earshot of the site and concerns about disturbed sleep is a major issue.

Smells from both cooking and waste management are calculated as "high" according to the applicants own Odour Control Assessment

Light pollution from advertising signs being lit-up 24/7 is a major concern for sleep deprivation of both adults and children.

The road is already struggling to cope with the current amount of traffic, and this will exacerbate that situation. This will also lead to increased air and noise pollution.

Local businesses expressed concerns that the impact of a major food outlet could result in local businesses being unable to compete and closing. There are already significant numbers of empty business properties within the Ammanford town centre and further closures will have a negative impact on the vibrancy of the town centre.

The application conflicts with Carmarthenshire policies GP1, EP2, AND TR1 and the proposed Clean Air Act of Welsh Government.

In my opinion, as well as conflicting with Carmarthenshire's own policies, this application is in conflict with current and planned national planning policies.

The impact of the development if it was to proceed, would be felt by communities outside the town of Ammanford.

Indeed, some businesses outside the town attended April's public meeting demonstrating there is opposition beyond the immediate locality.

I hope that you will support my request to call-in this planning application.

Yours sincerely,

Joyce Watson MS | AS

Member of the Senedd for Mid & West Wales | Aelod o'r Senedd dros Canolbarth a Gorllewin Cymru

☒ Welsh Parliament, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1SN / 3 Red Street, Carmarthen, SA31 1QL | Senedd Cymru,
Bae Caerdydd, CF99 1SN / 3 Heol Goch, Caerfyrddin, SA31 1QL