

8, Hillcrest.
11/3/17.

Dear Richard,

Thank you for copying the letter from the Davies Brothers in response to the application for village green status-re the land in the centre of the Hillcrest Estate.

I am writing on behalf of myself. A resident at 8, Hillcrest from November 2000 and my mother Mrs P. Brabin who has owned no 10 Hillcrest since Sept 2000. As you are aware number 10 is now rented out to tenants, as my mother lives with me, but she has always been resident on Hillcrest since the date mentioned above. As my mother is now 83 years old I am writing on her behalf, but she has signed below.

I have already written to Powys County Council on line, in response to the planning application proposed for the central green in Hillcrest. I hope that the facts outlined in that objection can be retrieved for use in support of this application for registration as a Village Green. It is an important fact that different residents have provided information that does not agree with information provided by the Davies Brother's application. We had not discussed the issues at that point in time, so my points were made completely independently of yours. Perhaps you would like to send this letter along with your own if you feel it would support our case.

In response to the letter.

I am unaware of the distance to Caersws but am aware that it is 4 miles from Hillcrest to Newtown.

The road to these places (B4568) is a busy "B" roads which personally I find risky for cyclists and pedestrians. I have discouraged my daughter in the past from cycling to Newtown because of the dangers involved. Namely windy, sometimes hilly and not wide roads, where cars travelling at considerable speed regularly have accidents. The County Council will be aware of the recent road tragedies that have occurred on these very roads. It shows a lack of understanding to argue that there are playgrounds in these nearby towns! There is no regular bus services and meeting friends for a kick about on the green is safer and nearer to home supervision for our children.

My second point is that there is a clear misdirection by the brothers. The land that we have asked to register as a village green is the piece of grassland at the centre of Hillcrest. Their letter refers to another area of land which is completely out of the Hillcrest estate. They refer to the piece of land over the main road which used to house the cesspit before the sewerage system was adopted by Severn Trent Ltd. As you will be aware that land had been fenced off by the Davies brothers since that adoption and no one can now use the right of way that I understand exists .

Therefore the Davies brothers are deliberately misleading the council by directing attention to that particular piece of land. I do not agree with the other "facts" stated, and I have no knowledge of complaints about "plastic". This whole argument is therefore a distraction. Unless the Davies brothers only object to us registering the old cesspit land as the village green! In which case I agree with them.

In all of the time we have lived in Aberhafesp I have not seen the Davies Brothers take any care of the green central area, until planning permission was re sought or re activated over the last year, in fact since the adoption of the sewerage system by Severn Trent. Since that time occasional mowing has taken place and co-incided with them putting in man holes.

Before this time since our arrival on to the estate we have sometimes paid a local tractor driver to cut the grass and then more recently Lyn Jones mowed it and maintained it regularly for years. That would be from 2000 to 2014 so it is fairly obvious that maintenance has been carried out by the residents. Children from the estate have grown up and moved on now, but used to camp on the green, played football and generally hung out there. Residents picnics have taken place regularly in the past. There have also been resident "get togethers" which have taken place on the green. Children now continue to use the area as a safe place to play.

1965 when planning permission was granted initially, is obviously over 50 years ago and much development for housing has taken place around Newtown in the years since we have lived here- nearer to community facilities and bus routes.

I am afraid it took the intervention of our local M.P. to encourage the Davies brothers to finalise the adoption of the sewerage system by Severn Trent. The amount of money demanded by them to enable this to happen suddenly dropped dramatically when he became involved!

The only time I ever saw the Davies brothers before this time was when they collected the cesspit emptying fee that we paid annually.

This letter has included several factors that could be argued as incidental but that I believe have relevance to the application put forward by yourself on our behalf.

I will unfortunately be unable to attend the meeting /hearing as I work full time . However as mentioned above you have both my and Mrs Brabin's wholehearted support .

The facts stand as they are. Witnessed by many residents.

With many thanks Richard

Yours truly

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