



In addition, Cllr Lucy Roberts has made the following comments in support of the application.

As Local Member for this ward and with no Private or Prejudicial Interest in the application I would like to provide some additional information to the committee please. Unfortunately I am unable to attend in person. I hope to demonstrate that this is a very genuine case of a young couple wanting to remain in their community.

The applicants are Mr and Mrs Pritchard. Mrs Pritchard's family have owned the farm on which this plot sits for 100 years. Mrs Pritchard grew up on the farm and attended the local primary school in Arddleen and then Welshpool High School. When she and her husband first married they moved to the village of Llanfechain about 6 miles from the farm. With the birth of their first child and Mrs Pritchard's father becoming ill, the family moved back to be with her parents in the farmhouse so that they could help with the farm. Mr Edwards poor health meant that he could not manage on his own. The couple both work in Welshpool at Chemostrat Ltd but are currently also helping out with lambing. They are now expecting a second child and really need their own space but also need to be close to the farm.

Mr Edwards (Mrs Pritchard's father) hopes that his grandson will eventually want to take over the business.

Penrhos is a very dispersed settlement and the site of this application is as central as it is possible to get, almost adjacent to the village hall and church. There are about 12 houses within what I estimate to be 500 metres but unfortunately I am unable to accurately verify this. The site is on land owned by the family and part of the farm. To build elsewhere would increase the cost prohibitively and make access to the farm more difficult.