

Objectors triumphant at news house may be demolished

Planners refuse consent for controversial home

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THE decision to refuse a controversial Newport house retrospective planning permission has been met with delight by the local opposition group.

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's development management committee last week refused retrospective planning permission for Bettws Newydd, situated above the Parrog.

The decision could result in the house being pulled down and completely rebuilt.

Planning for the house was initially approved by the authority in 2006, but the final development did not comply with some conditions of that consent.

The owner then submitted a retrospective application to approve the house as it was built.

Last Wednesday, members of the development management committee voted 12 to two against the amended proposals.

The Bettws Newydd Opposition Group was formed to campaign to have the house replaced with a "more appropriate" building.

"We are delighted by the righteous - all be it

very belated - decision to completely refuse retrospective planning permission for the development of the replacement dwelling, Bettws Newydd, better known locally as the 'Eyesore on the Parrog'," said a spokesman for the group.

"This was a resounding victory."

Last April, members approved Bettws Newydd subject approval of an improved landscaping scheme and reconsideration of the building's glazing.

Objectors complained they had not had sufficient time to study these elements and the decision was deferred to last week's meeting when members decided that they were not satisfied.

"They also said that the application did not meet the requirements of the Joint Unitary Development Plan in relation to policy on replacement dwellings and visual intrusion on the landscape.

The applicants, from Llanelli, will now have two options: one, to appeal against the committee's decision through the Planning Inspectorate of the Welsh Assembly, or to pull down the existing dwelling and rebuild it to the specifications of the original consent.



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