

Insurance

(Please see attached letter)

We have held multiple discussions with our insurer and other underwriters regarding this proposal and our existing business. We operate in a very restricted market and are only able to obtain insurance from specialist providers. It has been made clear that if this gets passed then by virtue of the development existing, it is an increase in risk of the surrounding area. The prospect of less underwriters willing to offer cover because of what could be neighbouring our site leaves us in a dangerous place.

A scenario discussed could be; a fire or explosion resulting in evacuation of all customers and staff from our site and closure of the business until the area is deemed safe by the relevant authorities. Ultimately loss of attraction for this business for an unknown length of time. We would be forced to claim on our own policy for this to cover costs. Following this, it has been confirmed one of two things will happen. A vast increase in premium upon renewal or the more likely possibility of no insurers willing to offer cover as the risk is now too high.

We cannot operate this business without insurance nor can we be held to ransom for eye-watering premiums. This would mean the total closure of a newly award-winning and growing tourism business currently offering local employment and a facility held in high regard for families and their children to enjoy.

The Play Barn