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An application for the proposed take-away licence at CK's
Gwaen-Cae-Gurwen

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This proposal regards the application for a variation of planning conditions, allowing the CK's Foodstore based in Gwaen-Cae-Gurwen and its tenants from Y Gegin Fach Cafe to provide hot, take-away meals to the public on an initially temporary basis, potentially progressing to a permanent basis, should the scheme work well and within local authority guidance and best practice. Y Gegin Fach currently operates in GCG providing an eat-in service, however, due to Covid-19, they have found that many regular customers, stopped attending the restaurant due to the potential health implications Covid-19 possesses.

It was therefore decided that Y Gegin Fach would operate on a take-away basis, providing hot meals to the public in the vicinity of the cafe. A service, not provided by any other outfit in the immediate locality. Thus, it could be argued that they are providing a valuable service for local residents, who don't want to eat-in and take the risk, where risk is so prominent in the current climate. The idea of take-away has been community-led by local residents, many of whom are older residents shielding/self-isolating, who have urged for the cafe to remain able to serve take-away food when they move to their new premises, just 20 yards away. This application is in response to this demand.

The cafe would operate between the hours of 8am — 2pm Monday to Friday, and 8am — 1pm on Saturdays. They also provide an additional service for pizzas and burgers on Friday night, between the hours of 4pm — 8pm. By permitting an initial temporary variation of conditions with a probationary period, it would allow the local authorities to assess the potential impact that this service would have on the local community, whether positive or negative. There are currently 2 members of staff operating in the cafe. There is a delivery service, usually 1 trip delivers 5 hot meals on average, reducing overall congestion and traffic as opposed to 1 meal, 1 delivery. The food will be available to pre-order, and the customers will be given pre-determined, Covid-19 friendly time slots. Ample parking is available at the rear of the property, reducing the on-road parking.

It must be noted that this is not a fast food operation, and our clients just want the ability to serve hot meals, to members of the public who are currently struggling to enjoy many of their home comforts in this unusual time.

