

Addendum

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Update

Additional information has been submitted by the agent in the form of an email to committee members which advises that since the previous application was presented to and agreed with as a refusal and was subsequently withdrawn, Longline Surf School & Water Trials has opened at Benone Avenue. The Agent has also drawn our attention to the nearby Benone Golf Club. The agent considers that they are both tourist amenities which are significant visitor attractions in their own right.

Longline Surf School & Water Trials uses Benone Beach for its activities. The Longline Surf School is not an amenity in its own right it is the Benone Beach that is the tourism asset which it uses.

The Benone Golf Club is part of Benone Tourist Complex. The golf course would not be considered a significant attraction in its own right and it is part of Benone Tourist Complex which is not defined as a tourist amenity because it includes accommodation.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Tourism Section has provided the Tourism Statistics Bulletin published 26th July 2018 and the Tourism Strategy 2015. This has been considered and details information such as self catering occupancy rates for Northern Ireland (2017) at 34 percent. Other data shows Causeway Coast and Glens with 3300 – 3400 self catering rooms available during 2017. The available data is inconclusive in relation to demonstrating a need for self catering units in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the contents of the Addendum and agrees with the recommendation to refuse, as set out in paragraph 9.1 of the Planning Committee Report.