

Blackpool Mill plan confusion



Plans have been drawn up for the restoration of Blackpool Mill by the owners of the Bluestone resort.

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THE Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority looks set to be challenged by Bluestone over the company's major Blackpool Mill project being included in next week's meeting agenda.

The £2.5m scheme proposes transforming the historic building at Canaston Bridge into a 'heritage tourist facility'.

Being put forward by the Bluestone National Park Resort, it was deferred by the Park's development management committee last May so that the reasons for refusal

could be addressed.

The plans are now on the agenda for the committee next Wednesday (November 8), with a recommendation for refusal, with officers reporting that no further information or amended plans had been submitted.

The *Western Telegraph* understands that Bluestone was under the impression that the plans were not due to be considered until the meeting of December 13, and the company will now be contacting the authority to query their inclusion in next week's agenda.

The application includes conversion and restoration of the Grade II Listed mill and ancillary buildings; construction of a steam railway, a 792-square metre events barn and associ-

ated facilities.

A spokesperson for the National Park authority said: "There are two linked and complex planning applications for consideration, which have been with the National Park Authority for almost a year.

"In this time, there have been extensive discussions with the applicant, who has made various amendments and ongoing revisions to the applications.

"In the absence of further requested information being provided by the applicant within the timescale required for committee, the authority needs to move forward to make a determination.

"In the meantime, we will continue to discuss a way forward with the applicant."