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Almost a thousand people have signed a petition calling on Pembrokeshire Coast National Park planners to change their minds and approve a new housing development. Permission has already been refused. But the petitioners say the area desperately needs more affordable housing. Abigail Neal reports.
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A top tourist destination. Nearly forty per cent of Newport's houses are second homes. With an average price of just over three hundred and twenty thousand pounds, it's also one of the priciest places in Pembrokeshire to buy.

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But proposals to build thirty five new homes, fourteen of them affordable housing, on this plot of land have split opinion.

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Opponents **say** it's too many, going against the town's local development plan. And **in September**, the National Park voted to reject the plans.

MORE SHOTS OF HOUSES _____/

But since then **there's** been a considerable fightback. A counter campaign has been launched in favour of the development, saying **there's** a desperate

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need for more housing in this area. And a **petition's** been handed over to the National Park asking them to reconsider.

This is an unprecedented reaction from the local community. Absolute outrage that they're not being listened to. Within a fortnight we've collected a thousand signatures in support of this application. Every major employer in north Pembrokeshire has signed an open letter in support for this.

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But objectors **say** this new campaign is not about affordable housing because most of the homes will be sold on the open market.

Really, frankly, not surprised but upset that it's involving such old and completely unwarranted allegations of incomer English wanting to be put against locals that can't afford their own housing, which couldn't be further from the truth.

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park is due to make a final decision on this next week.

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