

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

15 JUNE 2023

AMENDMENT SHEET

The Chairperson accepts the amendment sheet in order to allow for Committee to consider necessary modifications to the Committee report to be made so as to take account of late representations and corrections and for any necessary revisions to be accommodated.

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A Full DC Committee Site Visit was undertaken on Wednesday 14 June 2023.

As well as DC Committee Members and Officers, representatives from Ogmere Valley Community Council and local residents who have not expressed an interest to speak at the meeting attended the site visit.

Members will have received late representations last night from residents of Cwm Felin. The Code of Practice advises that “Members should not give any significant weight to late submissions put directly to them instead of the LPA (ostensibly in an attempt to influence opinion) where they contain nothing new or merely assert a point without any clear evidence. Any representations sent directly to members of the DC Committee the evening or morning before the scheduled meeting should be passed on to Officers to add to the file.”

However, the representations have already been summarised in the Officer’s report.

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The Senior Portfolio Surveyor (Education & Wellbeing) on behalf of the applicant would be grateful if Members of the Development Control Committee could consider the following statement in support of the application. As there are no speakers against the development, there is no scope to speak in support of the application.

“Firstly apologies for not being able to attend in person. We would like to submit the following short statement to the application case file:

As applicant, Bridgend County Borough Council has engaged with the school and key consultee stakeholders to ensure the design of the new state of the art “Gen2” Multi Sport Hockey Pitch does not negatively impact on surrounding occupiers, ecology habitats, highways or the rail network.

The School currently has an old, decrepit and out of date redgra/shale pitch and this scheme is designed to retain the underlying construction but bring the existing footprint up to 2023 standards. By using a “Gen2” design, the upgraded facility will offer a truly curricular wide asset supporting hockey, tennis, netball, football training, bat and ball games and general aerobic activities and games. Modern LED type lights have been designed to respect local ecology with the head units directed down to the playing

surface to minimize upwards and outwards light pollution. The lighting system with intelligent controls will benefit the local community through increased availability to a high quality sports facility.

The school recognises the important role it has to play in the community and if successful this planning application will continue to allow community-based groups and organisations to access this external particular facility at the school that might otherwise not be available due to poor condition and suitability. The availability of such improved facilities will enhance wellbeing opportunities locally and further establish the school at the heart of the community in which it is based. The use of school facilities outside of school hours is already established but is being further promoted by the Welsh Government who are providing grant funding to schools to encourage wider community use. The use will be restricted to the hours advised and it is important to note that whilst these hours of operation are agreed it does not mean the facility will be used during all of these hours. Any such use will be agreed and facilitated by the school and monitored accordingly.

In addition to an enhanced community benefit this state of the art facility will significantly improve the sporting and recreational facilities available to pupils who attend the school during teaching and term time hours. The opportunity this presents to increase participation and activity levels of all pupils of all ages and abilities and to promote the enhancement of wellbeing throughout the community is very exciting and something we hope you will support.”

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