

## **SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE – 4 MAY 2016**

### **Amendment Sheet**

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**The application was subject to a full site visit on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

An objector who has requested to speak, a representative from Cefn Cribbwr & Pyle Community Councils, the local member for Cefn Cribbwr and the applicant were in attendance.

#### **Amended Condition**

Remove 'Bye-way' from the wording of Condition 8.

#### **Additional Condition**

(46) The site shall be subject to aftercare from the date of completion of restoration as approved in writing by the local planning authority and in accordance with the approved aftercare details.

#### **Revised recommendation:**

(B) The Corporate Director Communities be given plenary Powers to issue a decision notice granting consent in respect of this proposal once the applicant has entered into the aforementioned Section 106 agreement and the Welsh Ministers indicate that the application is not to be called in and or the holding direction issued is lifted as follows:-

Additional comments received from an objector:-

*"I note that in the Planners Report to committee that 2/4/89/7389 – Extension to Opencast Parc Slip West OCCS – approved 7th March 1991. This is incorrect. West Glamorgan CC approved but Mid Glamorgan refused and it went to public inquiry in July 1991. The Public Inquiry Inspector, Mr Sheers, recommended approval partly because of the amazing restoration plans and said that there was two years restoration needed anyway so four more years opencast with two years restoration wouldn't impact on Kenfig Hill because there were trees between the proposed site and Kenfig Hill. In 1993 the Secretary of State for Wales gave consent for Parc Slip West. It did not operate until after privatisation at the end of 1994 when*

*the management buy out bought it along with the other South Wales opencast sites and began operating it in 1995.*

*Had the government not given consent then restoration would have taken place up to Bedford Road. The operating company, Shand, had paid a bond to British Coal Opencast Executive for the restoration which then ended at Law Street.*

*Hence, the government has direct responsibility for some at least of the restoration. It consented to Park Slip West – along with West Glamorgan – and then privatisation took away the guarantee of restoration. The presumption for opencast mining has led us to where we are today. So it is not unreasonable to request that the government take on it's share of responsibility for getting the restoration promised here.”*

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, the Neath Port Talbot Planning Committee were minded to approve planning permission subject to a Section 106 agreement and the lifting of the holding direction from Welsh Government.

**MARK SHEPHARD  
CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES  
4 MAY 2016**