

MERTHYR TYDFIL FOCUSED CHANGES LDP 2016-2031

FURTHER SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE RE:

The Cwmfelin slopes in Bedlinog.

Site ref. 118. Sw3-31. Incorporating Sinc Site 33

This response is on behalf of all the residents of Cwrt Nant Llwynog.

We are pleased to see that common sense has prevailed and the council have removed this site from this LDP.

The threat of future development still remains, which clearly demonstrates that there is no consideration given to the very relevant concerns we have raised. We note, yet again, that the council does not specifically identify how these difficulties are to be overcome, but just uses the phrase 'it is considered that the ecology issues could be satisfactorily managed '.

The lack of any importance being given to SINC sites in general is worrying and needs to be addressed as a bigger issue.

The re-siting of the Rugby Club will have to be subject to community consultation, which has not occurred yet and which may not be entirely positive.

The new building is also reliant upon securing the identified shortfall of funding, which seemingly depends upon positive results from Grant applications etc.

The purchase of the other sites required for access, still remains unable to be assured until costs for the different parcels of land have been agreed with the owners and found to be economically viable to the developer.

Even if a developer comes along, this site will not be completed for a further 10 years. The council raised concerns at the last Hearing about increasing school numbers. The school could be closed before this development even gets off the ground. **What is questionable is why there is a seeming obsession with this site, despite 3 previous failed planning applications and why other sites have**

been removed from the plan, which are accessible, flat and immediately available to respond to the housing shortfall?

We fully understand that this is not the time to go into the structural obstacles that impact on this development, but should a development look likely, then we as residents - and the local community - will, of course, have to be notified and consulted in a democratic way.

We will again challenge the safety and security of our homes and the impact on the village centre and may consider legal representation if we feel our concerns are not being taken seriously. This is especially in regard to the access to our homes, as we understand this is to be removed under the council's plan, but will need to be kept free during demolition of the adjacent sites and until a new roadway to the top of the slopes has been fully completed.

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