

Disposal of Playing Fields Impact Assessment

The table below assesses all plans noted in The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Measure 2010 and the updated Regulations (2015) relating to this Measure.

1. Local Development Plan					
How does your proposal impact on the Local Development Plan in Merthyr? Under section 6(a) of The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015, an impact assessment of section 51(2) of and paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of Schedule 2 to the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 [the LDP] must be undertaken.					
LDP Policy SW10: Protecting and Improving Open Spaces	What is the expected impact on the LDP? Please place an X in the relevant box.			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation.	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive	Negative	Neutral		
<p>Development proposals that improve the quality, quantity or access to open space will generally be supported.</p> <p>Development proposals that would have an unacceptable adverse impact on or result in a loss of open space will not be permitted unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would not cause or exacerbate a deficiency of open space in accordance with the Council's open space standards or; • The majority of the open space can best be retained and enhanced through the redevelopment of a small part of the site or; • Satisfactory equivalent community benefit or enhanced compensatory provision can be provided in accordance with the Council's open space standards and 			x	<p>Option A for the location for the new 3-16 school, the playing pitches which make up part of the priority multifunctional open space are being relocated approximately 200m away to the southern end of the Buttercup Fields.</p> <p>One grass field will be continuously accessible to members of the community, and the other, an enhanced 3g pitch which the community will have access to in agreement with the school, providing better quality facilities and greater value to the local community.</p> <p>In addition, an area of open space would be created on Phase 2 of the current BHHS site. The open space created will be based on public feedback through consultation, which would provide an opportunity to create greater variety in the types of open spaces available in the ward. The BHHS site would no longer be needed for education purposes and therefore the reallocation of Phase 2 of this site to open</p>	<p>Public consultation on site options, including the opportunity to note the type of open space that members of the public would like on Phase 2 of the BHHS site.</p> <p>Previous consultation with community groups through the design process to ensure sizes of relocated community pitch and joint use 3g pitch are agreed by all parties and suit the needs of the community.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In all cases, the open space has no significant nature or historic conservation importance. 				space would have an overall neutral impact on the LDP. Therefore, although the priority open space would be partially removed, the relocated and additional open spaces would mitigate any negative impact, thus creating an overall neutral impact to the LDP.
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Sources of evidence to support the above (please use this information when completing the section 'Data and Evidence'):				
MTCBC Replacement Local Development Plan 2016-2031 Council report - consultation outcomes Feasibility study and addendum to feasibility study for 3-16 school.				

2. Opportunities for play for children and young people					
Under section 6(b) of The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015, an impact assessment of Children and Families (Wales) Measure 2010, section 11, Local authority's duties in respect of play opportunities for children must be undertaken.					
MTCBC Play Sufficiency Assessment	relevant box.				What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Positive		Neutral		
Playgrounds – improvement	x			<p>The Play Sufficiency Assessment indicates that parents and children would like to see additional playgrounds where there is limited access, and improved facilities.</p> <p>Option A relocates the existing playground on the Greenie, to be marginally closer to the neighbouring residential areas to the North of the site. In addition this will provide upgraded facilities, improving the overall playground provision in the area.</p> <p>Further, there is opportunity for an additional playground to be considered as part of the proposed replacement community open space proposed on the current BHHS phase 2 site.</p>	<p>Public consultation on site location.</p> <p>Feedback from previous consultations indicated that residents wanted the playground to remain at the North of the site i.e. Galon Uchaf side.</p> <p>Public consultation on the specific requirements of the community for the proposed replacement open space on the current BHHS site.</p>
Playgrounds – improvements			x	<p>The Play Sufficiency Assessment indicates that parents and children would like to see additional playgrounds where there is limited access, and improved facilities.</p>	<p>Public consultation on site options, the opportunity for the public to advise if they would rather that the current priority open space is not altered as part of the development or is included and enhanced as proposed under Option A.</p>

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MTCBC Play Sufficiency Assessment	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on play opportunities for children? Please place an X in the relevant box.			Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation.	What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
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				Option B does not change the existing facilities therefore there is a neutral impact should this option be chosen.	
Sources of evidence to support the above (please use this information when completing the section 'Data and Evidence'): MTCBC Play Sufficiency Assessment 2019 Council report - consultation outcomes Feasibility study and addendum to feasibility study for 3-16 school					

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3. <u>Local Wellbeing Plan</u>					
Under section 6(c) and (d) of The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015, an impact assessment of Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, section 39, Production of community strategy and section 40 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006(10), which have all since been superseded by the Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, article 3 – Preparation of Local Wellbeing Plans; and role of community councils.					
Cwm Taf Wellbeing Plan 2018 - 23	Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on the Cwm Taf Wellbeing				What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?
	Please place an X in the				
	Positive		Neutral		
Objective 1. To promote safe, confident, strong, and thriving communities improving the well-being of residents and visitors and building on our Community assets. Step 1.3 Work with and support communities who want to manage and improve their local environment	x			Step 1.3 notes the open, green spaces which could be improved or managed by the local community. Option A relocates but improves playing pitches which form the multifunctional open space of the Greenie, and also provides opportunity for the public to shape the additional open space created on Phase 2 of the existing BHHS site, therefore having a positive impact on the steps noted in the Wellbeing Plan.	Public consultation on site options, including the opportunity to note the type of open space that members of the public would like on Phase 2 of the BHHS site. Previous consultation with community groups through the design process to ensure sizes of relocated community pitch and joint use 3g pitch are agreed by all parties and suit the needs of the community.
Objective 1. To promote safe, confident, strong, and thriving communities improving the well-being of residents and visitors and building on our Community assets. Step 1.3 Work with and support communities who want to manage and improve their local environment			x	Step 1.3 notes the open, green spaces which could be improved or managed by the local community. Option B does not improve on any existing community facilities, or provide opportunities for the public to shape or manage the open spaces in their community. This has a neutral impact on the Plan objectives as it does not help to achieve the short-medium term steps.	Public consultation on site options, the opportunity for the public to advise if they would rather that the current priority open space is not altered as part of the development or is included and enhanced as proposed under Option A.

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Cwm Taf Wellbeing Plan 2018 - 23	<p>Does your proposal have a positive or negative impact on the Cwm Taf Wellbeing Plan? Please place an X in the relevant box.</p>			<p>Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation.</p>	<p>What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?</p>
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<p>Sources of evidence to support the above (please use this information when completing the section ‘Data and Evidence’): Cwm Taf Wellbeing Plan 2018 – 23 MTCBC Replacement Local Development Plan 2016-2031 Council report - consultation outcomes Feasibility study and addendum to feasibility study for 3-16 school</p>					

4. <u>MTCBC Open Spaces Strategy, and Open Spaces Action Plan</u>					
<p>How does your proposal impact on the MTCBC Open Spaces Strategy and Action Plan? Under section 6(e) of The Playing Fields (Community Involvement in Disposal Decisions) (Wales) Regulations 2015, an impact assessment of any other relevant strategies, plans or policies.</p>					
MTCBC Open Spaces Strategy and Open Spaces Action Plan (2016)	<p>What is the expected impact on the LDP? Please place an X in the relevant box.</p>			<p>Why have you come to this decision? Please provide an explanation.</p>	<p>What actions have been/will be taken to better contribute to positive impacts and/or mitigate any negative impacts?</p>
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<p>Penydarren ward open space issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant shortfalls of natural/semi natural green 			x	<p>Option A for the location for the new 3-16 school, the playing pitches which make up part of the priority multifunctional open space are</p>	<p>Public consultation on site options, including the opportunity to note the type</p>

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				<p>being relocated approximately 200m away to the southern end of the Buttercup Fields.</p> <p>One grass field will be continuously accessible to members of the community, and the other, an enhanced 3g pitch which the community will have access to in agreement with the school, providing better quality, more accessible facilities of greater value to the local community.</p> <p>As the ward already has more than sufficient multifunctional open space, this should have an overall neutral impact on the Open Spaces Strategy and Action Plan for the area.</p> <p>In addition, an area of open space would be created on Phase 2 of the current BHHS site. The open space created will be based on public feedback through consultation, which would provide an opportunity to create greater variety in the types of open spaces available in the ward. This mitigates the negative impact of relocating part of the priority open space noted in the Open Spaces Action Plan, and generates the community engagement and involvement in</p>

of open space that members of the public would like on Phase 2 of the BHHS site.

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				decision making over management of open spaces.	
			x	<p>In Option B, the priority open space will be unchanged, with community facilities remaining as they are. The impact on the LDP in this option would be neutral.</p> <p>Option B does include a school rugby pitch on the Buttercup Fields, however, this area is not priority open space. The addition of a vehicle turning space adjacent to the Greenie would provide additionally as community groups using the Greenie playing pitches would also have access to the turning space for emergency vehicle access.</p>	Public consultation on site options, the opportunity for the public to advise if they would rather that the current priority open space is not altered as part of the development.

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in decision making over management. To address the needs of those with ages or disability related access issues.					
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