**Comments – Planning Application 2015/00843/Full**

I've been an active member, sportswise and social, for 40 years, and am currently the Club President.

As President I am fully aware that if the Club cannot update its facilities (Clubhouse and Grounds) then with its current economic history will be out of business within a couple of years.

This will obviously result in the total loss of the Club's sports and community services currently available in Sully to its residents, and those further afield.

As Local Authorities have a legal obligation to ensure that sports and leisure facilities are available to its residents, I can only assume that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and possibly Sully Community Council, will need to step in and use its dwindling resources to provide lost facilities.

I've read on the "Save Sully Website" a plea to its community to oppose this Panning Application, enclosing a 14 point template with the request to use these points but write in your own way so as to appear different i.e. the objections are in truth one, using the Save Sully template but try to seem many as they are nit written using the exact wording of the template.

At the public consultation carried out in the Club, and at the open meetings of "Save Sully," prior to the submission of this Planning Application, a lot of ill formed, and incorrect objections and statements were made, which could have been avoided if the Community Council, or its representatives had taken up one of many offers to meet St Modwens/Sully Sports & Social Club, to be advised as to the basis of the Plan and to receive facts in answer to their questions and fears. This the did not do, but on the basis of their lack of facts, ill-information, etc. they seek to stop a development that has benefits that far out-way any downs.

I would now include my comments on each of the "Save Sully" Website Objection Template:

Para 1 Although there is a loss of half the open/green wedge, the development guarantees the retention of the other half, as the whole site will become "redundant" if there is no development, and what will happen to it then? Also there are houses (e.g. Beach Road, etc) and caravan/camp sites) between our site and Penarth already.

Para 2. Pol MG 24 - the development will assist the Welsh Government's strategic plans to attract tourism (jobs, spending) in South Wales by the provision of non-static caravan parks, which currently don't exist in the area.

Para 3/4/5 Traffic - studies, and the VoG Council info have shown that there will not be an adverse effect on traffic flows. Junctions/etc will be modified as seen necessary.

Para 6. Habitat - studies do not back up the Save Sully assertions, and there is little, or no, special species under threat on the site.

Para 7. LPD "Creating Active Wales" - as previously stated, if this development does not go ahead, then all sporting/leisure facilities will be lost in the near future, when the Club closes due its financial issues. The new facilities have the capacity to provide all, better, and even more, facilities, especially with the 3G pitch.

Para 8. School - the current Sully Primary School has an intake of around 60% from outside the village, mainly from Barry, where at least 3 Primary Schools are currently do not have enough pupils to meet their capacity. Perversely, any additional children from Sully attending the village school, will result in a benefit to schools in Barry, as fewer of their children will be able to travel to Sully, and therefore will attend a Barry School.

Para 9, As a result of the proposed development, the Coastal Path will/has benefit, as work is to be undertaken to upgrade the path for the length it borders the site.

Para 10. Strategic Transport impacts:

- Rail - development will have little, or no, detrimental effect on Rail as there is no station in Sully. Cadoxton/Dinas Powys?Penarth stations may benefit with a small increase in passengers.

- Bus - development should provide some extra passengers, that will help to keep, or improve, current bus services.

- Road Traffic - studies and VoG info indicate the extra traffic flow is well with capacity, and any junctions/etc. will get attention as needed.

Para 11. Pol MG 2 - LDP has not yet been approved, and even so there is scope to take opportunity development into account. The development borders a residential site, which itself is a "modennish" development. A case of Nimbyish here? Sully is mostly a village of properties built over the last 50 years.

Para 12. The Retail development will offer additional choice to the village, provide jobs, and will help reduce congestion in the main road as its provides off road parking. If all/any planning proposals currently in the system, and about to be submitted, were approved, then they will generate an extra demand for retail services.

Para 13. Cannot compare the 1993 Plan to today's!

Traffic has increased as people buy more cars, and with the "bit" development that has taken place since 1993.

As above, the extra traffic anticipated is well below current capacity.

Para14. VoG happy with Drainage/Sewerage proposals, and/or will impose works on the developers to ensure that the new outputs are catered for in the development.

Finally, from my personal, family, and friend's, past experience of sport and leisure at the Club, I would not like to see that history come to an end, but would expect our generation to provide 21st century facilities for the current and future generations of the residents of Sully, the Vale of Glamorgan, and areas outside our boundaries.

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