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Ref: Sully Sports and Social Club, Sully – Application number 2015 00843/FUL

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am writing in support of the above planning application.

I am currently the Treasurer of the football section of Sully Sports and have spent the last twelve years associated with the football section and Sports & Social Club. I started my involvement in 2004 when I was living in Sully, with my son at that time aged 4, and started volunteer coaching. Since then my son, daughter and myself have been actively involved with the football section and Social Club.

Through the football section, around 300 boys and girls of all ages and abilities every year from Sully and the surrounding areas have the chance to learn, play, develop and love football and sport in general. They benefit from playing sport, learning from the large numbers of volunteer coaches and helpers and social events in the community such as the Family Football Festival, Christmas parties and fun days organized by the Social Club. Being the treasurer for the football section I know only too well the financial difficulties the Social Club has found itself in with declining membership, increased running costs and changes in society that affect the income of the Social Club.

In my opinion, the whole Sports & Social Club is an important part of the community, not just for the sporting activities of the football, rugby and bowls sections, but with the radio club, social membership, functions, touring events, holiday activities such as the fair and circus, and it provides employment for local residents.

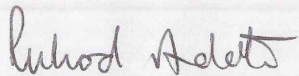
The Sports & Social Club has to secure its future, and the proposed development whilst obviously having an impact with the housing and some reduced sports field space, will enable these many benefits to remain going forward with enhanced facilities and a manageable business plan. The alternative scenario – the Sports & Social Club closure – will almost certainly cause all the sporting activities to cease as well as the other benefits to stop. The idle land will attract other development applications, potentially of a more significant nature that will be even more seriously opposed and without the football section who organize the vast majority of the grass cutting the area could become an unsightly and unsafe eyesore in the village. As an example, I offer the land taken on by

the cricket club at the other end of Sully as an example of land fallen into disrepair due to an unsustainable sporting or business plan.

I have recently moved to Penarth, but I wish for the whole locality to benefit from the longevity of Sully Sports and Social Club for many years to come, and hope that I can continue to be an active member of the football section and Sports & Social Club as a result.

I hope you will approve the planning application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard Anderton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Anderton