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Dear Mr Butler

**OBJECTION TO HYBRID APPLICATION REFERENCE 2015/00843/FUL/SDB.
LOCATION: SULLY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB, SOUTH ROAD, SULLY**

I am writing on behalf of my husband, Neil Brookes, and I to strongly object to the proposed hybrid application development at Sully Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully, reference 2015/00843/FUL/SDB.

We live on Clevedon Avenue which is in very close proximity to the proposed development. We strongly feel that the large green, open space behind Sully sports and social club should be preserved and should not be developed in the proposed way. As a family with two young children we use this green space very often for recreation and exercise – walking, running, for the children to practice riding their bikes, playing football. We think it's very important to be active and instil a healthy approach to exercise in our children, in line with the Welsh Government's push to encourage people to 'get active'. With our very young children (2.5 years and 5 years) this does not mean organised sports (such as those which would involve using the proposed grassed pitches and clubhouse) but instead we wish to continue being able to take regular, daily exercise in the large open, green spaces that are currently available behind the sports and social club in Sully. In addition, we use this field and green space to support our children's development, learning and wellbeing (along the lines of the beach and forest school ideas e.g. [REDACTED]). This is one of the reasons we carefully selected Sully to move to. This would be taken away by the proposed development of 200 dwellings, 5000 sq.ft of retail space, and the associated parking and traffic demands which would prevent any such learning and wellbeing in the green space that is currently there. The proposed development will have a huge detrimental impact on the amenity usage and landscape of this area. By developing in this area there will be a less clear distinction between the settlement edges and countryside which will then lead to the loss of open land.

In addition, this development will have a hugely negative impact on the environment of the Glamorgan coast which should be preserved. Allowing this to go ahead is goes against this policy which states that development should only be allowed if it is considered necessary for "agriculture, nature conservation, low impact tourism or coastal access" but we do not feel that the hybrid application addresses any of these. We walk across the fields to appreciate the wildlife showing the children the many different types of birds around the fields behind the sports and social club. Some of the birds which visit this area are of protected species being red and amber listed. The proposed development would destroy their habitat and have a detrimental and catastrophic effect on the wildlife.

Again, as parents of young children we are concerned about the safety of the increased road traffic very close to our house. We truly use this area to its full potential – we enjoy walks in the fields with our children, the children walk and use their scooters along the pavement along South Road. We are

very concerned about the increased volume of traffic and the increased risk to our children crossing South Road. The traffic surveys were done on 8th July – the start of the summer holiday period when many commuters might be away from work, and when many of the school students were not in school. Therefore, the traffic survey undertaken is not sufficient and not accurate.

We think it is important and consciously make an effort to support the local businesses in Sully – particularly the local pharmacy in Sully, the Post Office run by a local resident, and the Cards & Candy Shop run by one of the parents of children who attend Sully primary school. The retail needs of residents are already well met and the proposed retail area of 5000 square foot amount is unnecessary and vast and would have detrimental impact on the success of the existing businesses and the livelihood of the owners.

Finally, as parents of a five year old, who already attends Sully Primary school, and a 2.5 year old who will start nursery there and will hopefully continue to reception class, we are very concerned of the impact of the development on the strain on the primary school.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Brookes (Mrs)