

CONSULTATION RESPONSE: COUNTRYSIDE AND ENVIRONMENT LANDSCAPE

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| Location | Land off of Cowbridge Road, St Athan. | | |
| Proposal | Residential Development of up to 300 units and Associated Works | | |

1. Siting of the Development- Visual Impact and Mitigation.

SLA

This proposed development site has recently been designated as housing land within the Vale of Glamorgan LDP June 2017. I believe its implications on the surrounding SLA still needs to be carefully considered.

Visual Impact / Mitigation Measures

I am happy from a technical stand point that the report carried out by EDP identifies the visual impacts affecting this site. I am aware that this site is viewed within the context of an existing housing and large scale units associated with St Athans Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I confirm that subject to suitable landscaping mitigation measures I have no objections to the development.

I am concerned that due to the sensitivity of the area landscape mitigation measures have to be carefully designed to minimise the visual impact. In particular towards Flemingston Conservation Area and the Public Right of Way to the North East of the development.

A Strategic Landscape and Visual Appraisal has been provided by EDP and outlines 6 viewpoints of significance towards this development. I would like to see future detailed landscape plans reflect the following:-

1. Viewpoint EDP 1 View from footpath on Cowbridge Road adjacent to MOD St Athan, looking north-east towards the site.

I anticipate that the future *detailed* landscape plans mitigate these visual effects on the surrounding landscape from this view point.

2. Viewpoint EDP 2 – View from Cowbridge Road at the junction with Eglwys Brewis looking east towards the site.

I anticipate that the future *detailed* landscape plans reflect your proposals of additional landscape work/tree planting along this roadway.

3. Viewpoint EDP 3 – .View from PRow to the Northern Site Boundary looking South towards the Site.

It is very important that future *detailed* landscape plans show how the landscape planting will be designed to mitigate the views onto the proposed development.

4. Viewpoint EDP 4 – .View from Flemingston Conservation Area (CA), looking South-West towards the Site.

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5. Viewpoint EDP 5 – View from Valeways Millenium Heritage Trail, looking South West towards the Site.

EDP identifies that the development will have negligible visual effect on the landscape from this viewpoint, however detailed Landscape Plans will still be required to show that the boundary of the site has been designed to reduce its visual impact on the surrounding countryside.

6. Viewpoint EDP 6 – View from Deserted Village Scheduled Monument, looking west towards the Site.

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