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Dear Mr Robinson

PLANNING (WALES) ACT 2015

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THE ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS TO THE SCHOOL FOR A NEW SPORTS BLOCK; DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY BLOCK; NEW RECEPTION AREA; CREATION OF NEW PLANT ROOM; NEW MUGA AND 3G ALL WEATHER PITCH; THE CREATION OF A NEW COACH DROP OFF / PICK UP AREA

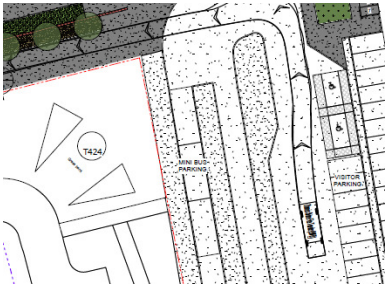
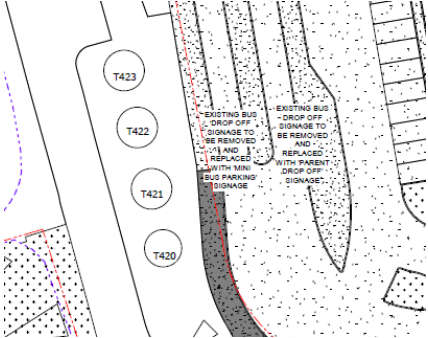
I have prepared this letter to respond to the following matters raised during the consultation period:


1. Vale of Glamorgan Highway Authority Observation Sheet reference 2019/00280/RG3
2. Planning response and request for a Section drawing
3. Sport Wales feedback
4. Residents Query

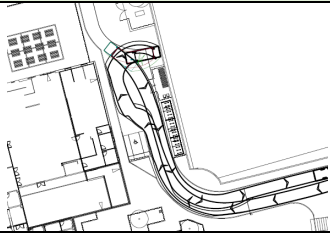
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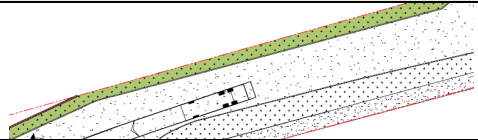
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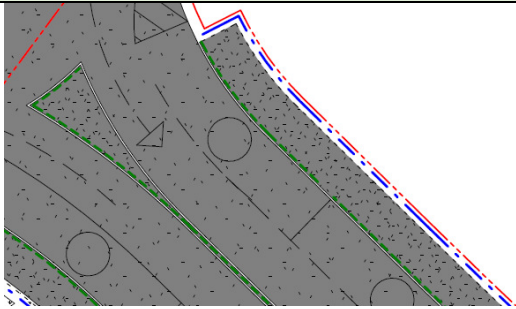
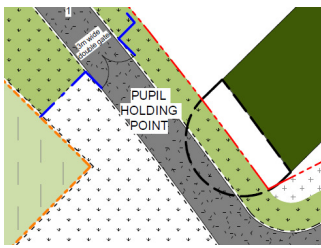
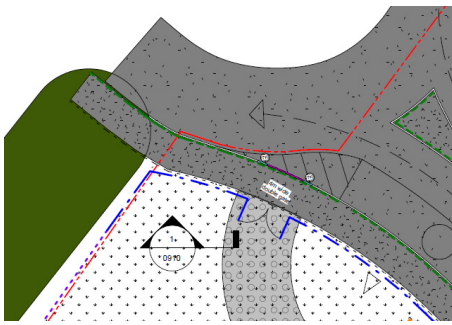
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1	In according to the Council’s Car Parking Standards for education establishments a requirement of 1 space per member of teaching staff, 1 space per 2 ancillary staff, 1 space per 20 six form students and 3 visitor spaces plus bus parking facilities as required. As a result of the above, the Parking Standards’ requirement for 74 teaching staff (74 spaces), 35 ancillary staff (18 spaces), 250 sixth form students (13 spaces), and visitors (3 spaces) is therefore for the provision of 108 parking spaces. The new proposal provides car parking for 122 parking	The visitor parking and disabled parking spaces are now shown on the updated drawing “ <i>ASL- 00- ZZ- DR- L- 0900 rev P17</i> ”. Extract below: 

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	spaces which is appropriate. However, the location of the visitor and disabled parking needs to be highlighted on the general arrangement.	
2	I note from a site visit that the school currently has 3 minibuses for personal use and larger parking bays will be required to store these vehicles when the existing car park outside the existing reception is removed and suitable turning facilities	<p>The revised external works drawing “ASL- 00- ZZ- DR- L- 0900 rev P17” now shows an area for the school mini bus parking and notes to state that signage around this space is to be changed.</p> <p>Extract below:</p> 
3	The Transport Assessment indicated that the existing bus drop off bay will now be utilise for parent drop off. As a result the existing signage will need to be changed accordingly.	<p>The transport assessment has been revised (TA_V5.4 issue Full) to reflect this requirement.</p> <p>The revised external works drawing “ASL- 00- ZZ- DR- L- 0900 rev P17” now states that the existing signage is to be removed and new signage will be erected</p> <p>Extract below:</p> 

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4	<p>In Appendix 3.2 of the Transport Assessment a plan has been submitted showing a track run for a 7.7m long Fire Tender to be able to turn within the vicinity of the kitchen access and the bin store. The External Works General Arrangement Drawing does not show any turning space for any such vehicle.</p> <p>However, the area between the kitchen access and the bin store will need to be able to accommodate larger vehicles turning in that area due to the proposed usage for deliveries and bin storage. The current large refuse vehicle that would be used by the council is a 3 axle – 11.22m long vehicle. The Highway Authority therefore require an amended plan with appropriate track runs to show that the refuse vehicle currently used by the Council will be able to safely turn within the area and thus enter and exit the location in a forward gear.</p>	<p>The Swept Path Analysis drawings have been updated for the 3-axle refuse vehicle</p> <p><i>“18136-SDL-00-XX-DR-C-SK105 P1 Tracking For Refuse Vehicle”</i></p> <p><i>“18136-SDL-00-XX-DR-C-SK104 P2 Tracking For Delivery Area”</i></p> <p>Extracts below:</p> 
5	<p>It was noted from the General Arrangement drawing that the access road highlighted in yellow below is only 3.0m wide. The normal standard for access road for a fire tender would be a minimum of 3.7m. This is to ensure that vehicles and cyclists can pass each other in an appropriate and safe manner and a fire tender can access to the northern part of the building. A track run will also be required that a fire tender can turn in the area denoted by the blue box as it would be unsafe for any vehicle to reverse along the length of road especially as the cycle facility has been sited on this access road</p>	<p>The fire tender will NOT use this route it is purely for the caretaker to access his house. The fire tender will turn in the area adjacent the sprinkler tank so a new turning head adjacent the caretaker’s house is not required.</p> <p>This is as per the requirements of the Bureau Veritas <i>Fire Safety Strategy Report S18037738</i> which states that the total area of the building is more than 8,000 m2 and is less than 11m in height. Therefore, vehicle access for a pump appliance should be provided to 50% of the building perimeter.</p> <p>As per drawing <i>“18136-SDL-00-XX-DR-C-SK101 P4 Tracking Fire Tender”</i></p> <p>Extract below:</p>

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6	<p>The new internal design of the school does not provide for cyclists to travel from the existing external cycle route at the side of the hospital to the proposed location of the school cycle shelters. The aim should be to create a route that is safe and comfortable for pupils to be able to access the cycle shelters in a safe manner in accordance with the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013. The Highway Authority therefore requires a drawing showing changes to the external and internal highway design to accommodate the above access requirements. The Active Travel Act is complemented by statutory Design Guidance. The guidance sets out the standards expected of new and improved active travel infrastructure when choosing the design solutions for this route. It also sets out effective approaches to planning walking and cycling networks and the audit tools should be utilised to assess existing infrastructure and the proposed route for their suitability.</p>	<p>The Active Travel Design Guide (2014) suggests using the cycle audit tool to undertake an assessment of the cycle route. However, it is fundamental to note that in this instance, the proposal is for an existing site with a marginal increase in pupils. It is therefore not deemed appropriate to use the audit tool in this instance to assess the route linking the existing cycle route to the on-site cycle parking; the 'route' essentially being from the signalised junction into the internal layout of the site.</p>
7	<p>The Transport Assessment (para 3.4.9) has indicated that to ensure safe access for pedestrians that a controlled (zebra) crossing is provided potentially with the inclusion of a plateau, at the entrance to the school, inside the gates. No such access has been indicated on the General Arrangement plan and further detail is required taking into</p>	<p>The TA (TA_V5.4 issue Full) and the external works drawing (ASL-00-ZZ-DR-L-0900 rev P17) have been updated to capture the following rationale.</p> <p>It is considered a potential safety concern for pupils to be making this movement across the access to Barry Hospital. Therefore, it is suggested that the northern footway is removed in its entirety to discourage use and converted to a grassed verge</p> <p>Extract from the external works drawing:</p>

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	account the Design Guidance outlined in paragraph 6 above .	
8	<p>There are currently 14 buses that serve this school. The Transport Assessment for this school has indicated the 14 spaces for coaches and minibuses will be relocated to a new bus drop off accessed via Whitmore High School. The Transport Assessment for the planning application (2019/00435/RG3) for the neighbouring Whitmore High School indicates that it is proposed to develop a shared bus drop off facilities with this application. It is important that both applications be considered as when considering the usage of this bus drop off point from a Health and Safety perspective as the lack of available parking laybys led to vehicles parking in areas that are not designated for that purpose and was a possible factor in the fatal accident that occurred in Maesteg School. The Transport Assessment did not indicate if there would be an increase in buses/minibuses as a result of the increase in pupil numbers and the Highway Authority would need to be reassured that this will not be the case as only 14 dedicated bays will be provided as part of this application which will only accommodate existing pupil numbers.</p>	<p>In section 3.7.5 of the YBM TA it describes arrangements around the bus drop off, a shared access but not shared drop off.</p> <p>The WHS site will not share a bus drop off with YGBM site.</p> <p>The YGBM bus and coach drop-off will be solely for the coaches and minibuses facilitating YGBM.</p> <p>The WHS bus and coach drop-off will be solely for the coaches and minibuses facilitating WHS.</p> <p>Coaches and minibus for WHS and YGBM will only be sharing the access road off Port Rd.</p> <p>The school bus service provision is currently a mix of nine coaches and five minibuses, with a number of the buses running with spare capacity. The proposals will result in eleven coaches and three minibuses, thereby increasing the capacity of school bus places to allow for the proposed increase in pupils.</p>
9	<p>In respect to the design for the new bus drop off area, I have been in contact with the home to school transport section who have indicated the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There needs to be barriers along the pavements and down the middle of the new facility to mirror 	<p>The external works drawing has been updated ("ASL- 00- ZZ- DR-L- 0900 rev P17") to reflect this.</p> <p>A barrier with gaps for transfer of pupils on / off the buses is being provided and a central barrier will be installed Extract below (green line):</p>

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	<p>the existing facilities for the school shown in the photograph below – this is to stop children squeezing in between the vehicles and to direct them to a formal crossing point (the operator sees this as a current concern at Llantwit Comp)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has consideration been given if a vehicle broke down in one of the spaces – is there room for other vehicles to pass/reverse? • Consideration should be given to a waiting area within the vicinity of the bus drop off area should buses arrive late. Provision is required for an area that at least one bus worth of children so that they can wait safely (so 70 children). 	 <p>The proposed bus-drop off facility includes individual parking spaces for the coaches and minibuses, separate to the circulation carriageway. Therefore, there is room for a bus to pass another if it is broken down. A breakdown in a parking space would not affect operation of the wider circulation. A breakdown in the circulating lane could still be accommodated with undertaking using the bays.</p> <p>An area defined for holding pupils is now identified on the revised external works drawing <i>“ASL- 00- ZZ- DR- L- 0900 rev P17”</i></p> 
10	<p>The existing signals at the exit to Whitmore High School Access Road / Stirling Road A4226 currently have no pedestrian facilities as part of the traffic signal infrastructure. It is likely that new bus turning circle being provided will create a new walking / cycling route through to the School with school children walking from the residential area to the northwest of the A4226. Parents may also drop off their children on the A4226 for pupils to walk to the school using this route. It was also noted on the proposed development plan that a footway</p>	<p>The footpath has been extended and is shown on the revised external works drawing <i>“ASL- 00- ZZ- DR- L- 0900 rev P17”</i></p> 

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	will be constructed into the school from the bus turning facility. As a result of the new desire line that will be created and the footway should be extended to the adopted highway as shown highlighted in yellow below and crossing facilities should be constructed to link the residential area to the north utilising the footway on the main road and the bus turning circle footway	
11	The Transport Assessment (para 7.4.2) has indicated that to ensure safe access for pedestrians via the A4050, a pedestrian link will be provided via Greenbanks Drive. No such access has been indicated on the General Arrangement plan and further information is required.	The TA has been updated (TA_V5.4 issue Full) and this statement has been removed.

2. Planning response and request for a Section drawing

The below table and attached drawing address this matter.

Reference No.	Issue raised	Response
P1	Sections- I am struggling to read from Section 1 on plan YBM- ASL- 00- ZZ- DR- A- 0925 (proposed site sections) what the relationship is between the levels of the MUGA area and the properties on Elan Close. Unless I am misreading it/missing something, I can't see an indication of the comparative levels. A section would also be useful through the pitches and Brenig Close (i.e at 90 degrees to Section 2). In both cases, existing and proposed would be needed (this could be shown on the same plan) to show the change (if any) from the existing situation.	Please find attached to this letter (in the email) the section drawing to respond to letter " Record Sheet_201900280RG3 " ASL drawing reference YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-DR-A-0925 - Proposed Site Sections rev P2.

3. Sport Wales feedback

The below table and attached drawing address this matter.

Reference No.	Issue raised	Response
S1	<p>With regard to the sports facilities specifically, the proposal involves the loss of the existing games court and some playing field area to the south of the site but there will be a new sports hall, new and larger games court and a floodlit 3G pitch. Sport Wales is satisfied this will improve the site's sporting capacity particularly with the new floodlit 3G allowing greater intensity of use including new community use during the evenings and weekends. On that basis Sport Wales has no objection.</p> <p>Even so, Sport Wales has concerns about the school's playing field provision. The application seeks consent to increase the school's capacity to 1660 pupils but the playing field provision on site falls significantly below the statutory minimum set out in the Schools Premises Regulations. Will the school therefore have access to other playing fields as required?</p>	<p>As an authority having built/refurbished many school buildings we have never provided alternative sports facilities within the same school site. Alternative arrangements have always been arranged via the school liaising with other local schools or sporting amenities within the vicinity. For Ysgol Bro Morgannwg there are a number of facilities that they will have access to via prior arrangement such as Colcot Sports Hall and Buttrills Fields and have utilised previously.</p> <p>The project team do not make arrangements due to the lack of knowledge and understanding of what is required to deliver the curriculum, we will always assist the school were possible.</p>

4. Resident Letter

Reference No.	Issue raised	Response
R1	<p>Please could you confirm (for the avoidance of any doubt) the intended/desired hours of use for the lit pitch at the north of the site and the unlit MUGAs.</p>	<p>The proposed 3G pitch is a sporting facility that has been provided within all new schools across the VGC under the Welsh Government funding, to deliver their sporting curriculum as well as play matches and offer to the community to use out of school hours. The standard operating times for the 3G pitch will be up to 10pm each evening</p>

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		The muga pitches are a relocation of the existing mugas that are currently located on the school site. There are no lighting columns proposed for these areas

I trust that this has adequately provided responses to each of the comments raised.

If you require clarification or any further information, please contact me as per my details below.

Yours sincerely



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