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COWBRIDGE (Ancient Borough)  
with LLANBLETHIAN  
TOWN COUNCIL



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Y BONFAEN (Bwrdeistref Hynafol)  
gyda LLANFLEIDDAN

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council  
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Observations on Planning Application

Planning Application No.	2018/01408/FUL/(SDB)
Location:	Former Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge
Proposal:	Proposed demolition of existing school, development of 34 dwellings (30 flats and four houses) and associated works including the construction of bespoke bat roost, access/parking and landscaping

Comment on behalf of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council

**Objection**

Members agreed that the objections and supporting evidence received by the resident's group with regard this application were extremely comprehensive in nature and it was agreed that the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council supports the concerns, arguments and objections contained in this report.

The priorities for Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council are

1) Given the evident national (Wales and England) importance of the building, renovate and reuse the existing building in a similar way to that which has been done with the old Grammar School buildings in Church Street.

Historic nature of the town and the building.

2) If 1 is not possible at least retain the façade of the building.

3) If 1 and 2 are not possible then the design of any new buildings should reflect the style and materials of the existing buildings including the reuse of dressed stone from the existing the buildings.

4) If even reuse of materials is not possible then serious consideration should be given to reconstructing the building at St Fagans National Museum of History.

It appears that extensive discussion have taken place between the Applicant and Vale of Glamorgan Council Planners in an effort to find an acceptable design but, based on the submitted documents, the Town Council can see no evidence of serious efforts to find a solution which does not involve the total demolition of the buildings

The Town Council do however, recognise that the buildings are deteriorating and do wish to find a way of acceptably developing the site. The worst result would be simply to see the building and the site as a whole continue to deteriorate

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