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**Report of the Head of Place
and Sustainability
Place, Infrastructure & Economic
Development Department**

19/11/2024

**I'W BENDERFYNU
FOR DECISION**

Application No	PL/02167
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Proposal	Construction and operation of inert waste recycling facility, waste processing and associated works to include the construction of a screening bund
Location	Cilyrychen Quarry, Llandybie, Ammanford, SA18 3JE

Details

Further objection letter, received 08/11/2024, relating specifically to the residential home

A further letter of objection from the Save Cilyrychen Quarry Campaign was received on the 08/11/2024, this letter deals specifically with the potential impacts of the development on the residential care homes that border the application site. The objection highlights the fact that these homes are in very close proximity to the site (their gardens border the site) and the homes provide care for people with learning difficulties. The letter emphasises that the loud noises that could come from site operations could unsettle and frighten the residents for extended periods of time and would make life difficult for both the staff and residents of the home. Furthermore, and taking the above into account the group feel that approving the proposal would be a dereliction of a duty of care and would also contravene Article 8 of the human rights act

Everyone has the right to respect for his(sic) private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

They also make reference to case law that supports the right to a healthy environment, and this should be included in the concept of the right to respect for private and family life. The letter concludes that the waste processing facility would be against natural justice and against the human rights act, due to its effects on neighbouring residencies.

The presence of the care home was noted from the start and the environmental health team were consulted on the application; a noise impact assessment was also submitted with the application. These assessments considered the residential home, and the home was identified as one of the noise sensitive receptors in the assessment of potential impacts, given its proximity to the site. The environmental health officer raised a number of initial queries in relation to the assessment and this led to subsequent, revised assessments in relation to noise being submitted by the applicant. The environmental health officer was ultimately satisfied with the potential noise impacts from the development, and this was confirmed by their response on the 08/11/2024 which included a number of conditions relating to working hours and specific noise levels.

The air quality officer for the council was also consulted on the application, and again following requests for further information, a more detailed 'dust impact assessment' was submitted by the applicant. This included assessments of PM 10's and PM 2.5's and the report also identified the care home as one of the residential receptors as part of their assessment. The environmental health officer for the council was satisfied with the contents

of the report and did not raise any objections to the proposal, and included a condition, should permission be granted, requiring 3 months of background air quality monitoring at the site, prior to the commencement of any development. There are also other conditions suggested with regard to best practice site management and cleansing of vehicles which would also help to reduce risks of decreasing air quality.

The proximity of the care home to the proposed site has been noted from the start and has formed part of the considerations in the numerous documents that the applicant has provided in support of their application. As stated above, the Environmental Health Officers, having considered the application, did not raise any objections to the development, in relation to potential impacts on the residential care home. Given their response on this, there would be no justification for refusal of the application, based on any potential impacts relating to this.

Further letter from Save Cilyrychen Quarry Campaign, received 15/11/2024

Save Cilyrychen Quarry Campaign (SCQC) is naturally disappointed not to have an opportunity to further highlight residents' concerns at the above meeting and trust that members of the Committee can recall those that were voiced at the August meeting. At that meeting, as well as proposing a site visit, Members requested to see and hear a mobile crusher in operation, and also to view the surrounding area to understand how it might be impacted.

The Head of Planning has recently informed SCQC that "It is for Members to determine the extent of that site visit and consider whether they wish to inspect the site or aspect of a site and from a different location to inform their decision making."

Therefore, we urge Committee Members, when determining the extent of the site visit, to consider the following features:

- the narrowing of the A483 through the village of Llandybie
- the vulnerability of the school crossing
- the closeness of the residents' homes to the road and its resultant pollution at that pinch point
- the nature of the road between Llandybie and Cilyrychen
- the immediacy of the houses in Penpound Lane to the site
- the dominating nature of the existing bund for those residents
- the proximity of the residential home for vulnerable adults who need peace and predictability
- the listed Lime Kilns beside the main route into the quarry along which all those HGVs would rumble
- the immediacy of the houses in Pentregwenlais Road and in the village of Pentregwenlais itself
- the adjoining Special Area of Conservation
- the proximity of Carmel Nature Reserve.

Whether the mobile crusher will be available as Members requested remains to be seen.

However, SCQC fears that Members may not have an opportunity to observe the potential for rare stonewort in the lagoon, nor the number and variety of wild species that have made this area their home.

SCQC trusts that the site visit will demonstrate how the Loss of Amenity, a Material Consideration in planning decisions, is an inescapable consequence of this proposal. SCQC trusts that this issue will be given appropriate weight and enable Committee members, if quorate, to do the right thing and reject this application.

Article 18 letter

An article 18 letter was received by the Council on the 13 August 2024. This letter enables the Welsh Ministers to give directions restricting the grant of permission by a Local Planning Authority. The Local Planning Authority are allowed to consider the application and can recommend approval of this application, but no decision can be issued without the prior authorisation of the Welsh Ministers. **At the time of writing this update (15/11/2024) there is still no response from the Welsh Ministers as to whether the application will be called in or not.**