

APPENDIX 6

Records of virtual drop in Sessions/phone calls:

- 09th March 2021
- 10th March 2021



**Schools Programme
Record of Drop in Session Phone Call
Cathays High School Proposal
09 March 2021**



Please note: The following is not a transcript but a contemporaneous note of the call

A local resident called regarding the proposed redevelopment of the school and the potential impacts on the local community.

Whilst supporting the planned school improvement, the caller strongly objected to the proposed transfer to the Maindy cycle track to Cardiff Bay and is part of a community fight to retain this historic track on its existing site

They also had a number of other concerns as set out below:

- concerns about existing trees on the existing Cathays High School site and would fight any plans to remove these
- were there were any plans to build in the Maindy Leisure Centre Car Park as they had would also have strong objections to this
- lack of information in respect of building plans which does not allow for informed decisions
- the future of the pump track

The caller was advised that the proposed transfer of the cycle track was being considered as part of the development of the sports village provision



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A local resident called regarding the proposed redevelopment of the school and the potential impacts on the local community.

Whilst supporting the planned school improvement, the caller had a number of concerns as set out below:

- concerns re the timing of the consultation and the time allowed for feedback
- concerns about the loss of Maindy Cycle Track which was a historical community asset
- the cycle track and school should not be linked
- clarity around the future use of the existing school site ere there were any plans to build in the Maindy Leisure Centre Car Park as they had would also have strong objections to this
- lack of information in respect of building plans which does not allow for informed decisions



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Present: Rosalie Phillips (RP), Rachel Burgess Willis (RBW), Ysgol Mynydd Bychan parent

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Two local residents met with officers regarding the proposed redevelopment of the school and the potential impacts on the local community.

Whilst supporting the planned school improvement, they had a number of concerns as set out below:

- concerns re increased traffic
- concerns re parking
- why had consideration not been given to developing the existing school site
- could the existing Cathays High School site be suitable for a new build Ysgol Mynydd Bychan?
- if the new build for Cathays High School doesn't go ahead at Maindy could that site be considered for a new build Ysgol Mynydd Bychan?
- What does 'community use' mean?



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Present: Brett Andrewartha (BA), Rachel Burgess Willis (RBW), Rosalie Phillips (RP), Local Residents/Ysgol Mynydd Bychan parents

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Two local residents/Ysgol Mynydd Bychan parents met with officers regarding the proposed expansion and redevelopment of Cathays High School.

The points raised and information provided are set out below.

How do the proposals for Cathays High School and Ysgol Mynydd Bychan dovetail; want to be sure that replying to the Cathays proposal does not exclude a new site for Ysgol Mynydd Bychan.

BA – this issues had already been raised. There would not be sufficient space to accommodate a compliant Cathays High School and a new primary school.

If the Cathays High School proposal did not go ahead, the site at Maindy could be considered for Ysgol Mynydd Bychan.

AB – there are no plans for this. There are sufficient primary places in the local area to allow for reorganisation. The capacity of Allensbank Primary School is capped at 315 places and the school also has ALN provision that occupies two classrooms. There is a high level of surplus which affords the opportunity to consider the expansion of Ysgol Mynydd Bychan in the first instance. A site swap could be a solution but not the only option. Any views put forward would be for the Council Cabinet to consider however the site is not considered suitable/vacant at this time.

A new Ysgol Mynydd Bychan on the Cathays site is not being considered at this time however if the weight of responses supported this, a political decision would need to be taken.

AB – all SOP proposals are agreed by Cabinet however there are wider considerations also.

What does community use mean? Would there still be some use of the existing Cathays High School site?

BA – the existing site has been ruled out to build on while the school is operational. Building across the road could allow the school to function with the existing site needed for external outdoor facilities; the Maindy site is not sufficiently large.

Would facilities also be available for use by residents?

BA – yes, e.g. MUGA facilities which would be available beyond the school day.

Would be in favour of access from Crown Way but not from New Zealand Road; would not want parking access either on this residential road.

BA – all responses will be summarised and seeking views from other service areas. Looking at the education side but these views would also form part of pre-planning.

Any new school will impact on facilities on the Maindy site.

BA – there is no plan to remove the leisure centre as part of this proposal.

Currently open access to the cycle track and green area around it which would not be available during school hours.

BA – there would need to be an area for school facilities but also consideration of open access areas e.g. playground. It is recognised that the area is used by local residents. Discussion around the BMX track and there is a commitment to retaining this on site. The proposal is not yet at the design stage but would encourage responses on these aspects.

It is a complicated site; what is the indicative timetable?

BA – the anticipated timescales are as set out in the consultation document. The history of the site is known and it is recognised that there are risks around this with further site investigation work needed.

What about replacement parking for the leisure centre? Parking is needed at public facilities.

BA – the car park is used by patrons and also by staff at Cathays High School and discussions would be needed around this.

Would the proposal for a new cycle track as part of the wider Atlantic Wharf development go ahead first?

BA – this would have to go ahead first. A Cabinet paper on this is due to be considered next week and will be published on Friday.

Is the Cathays proposal being looked at by Cabinet in June?

BA – the expectation is that both the Cathays and Allensbank/Ysgol Mynydd Bychan post consultation reports will be considered by Cabinet in June. Limited by pre-election period and not able to do anything ahead of this.

Both proposals seem to be linked. It is difficult to know how to respond when there are so many unknowns. Why have both proposals been brought forward together?

BA – proposals have been brought forward as quickly as possible. The Cathays High School proposal has taken time to develop and the Allensbank Primary/Ysgol Mynydd Bychan proposal has been brought forward as early as possible. Looking at sites in the local areas and options appraisal around temporary/permanent solutions. Decision to bring forward short term option for Ysgol Mynydd Bychan. The proposal is at the formative stage and a range of feedback has been received. Looking for a locally informed solution.

There were no further questions and the session closed



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Present: Rosalie Phillips (RP), Hibah Iqbal (HI), local resident

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A local residents met with officers regarding the proposed redevelopment of the school and the potential impacts on the local community.

Whilst supporting the planned school improvement, they had a number of concerns as set out below:

- concerns around impact on Canada Road and Cosmeston Street
- concerns re increased traffic
- concerns re increased noise
- concerns re parking
- concerns re loss of green space (not everyone is able to walk as far as Bute Park) and would want green space retained