
Maindy Park Land Swap Deal

AM 30.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 October 2022 21:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Maindy Park Land Swap Deal

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to the negative press that I have been reading regarding the proposed Maindy land swap agreement. The arguments put forward and the press reporting appear to lack both evidence and objectivity. The Advisory Committee appears to be listening to a very small group of people who do not represent the residents of the City of Cardiff to whom the land at Maindy was gifted.

The Sports Village project is an exciting project that has been slow to materialise. The velodrome represents a crucial final piece in the jigsaw. This project has been part of the development plan for the City of Cardiff for many years. It has been consulted upon and repeatedly endorsed by democratically elected representatives of more than one political party and must now be allowed to be completed. The economic, environmental and sporting benefits are obvious and will be enjoyed by the residents of Cardiff and well beyond. This project will also provide much needed improvements to a school which is forced to teach in conditions which are not fit for purpose. I struggle to understand why you would not wish to put that right at the earliest opportunity?

The land swap deal gives the Trust land which is larger and more valuable than Maindy Park. Both alternatives are highly desirable pieces of prime parkland which are used extensively by residents of Cardiff and will now be protected in perpetuity. The indirect benefits to sport and education are immeasurable. I would therefore implore the Advisory Group strongly to recommend the land swap to the Cabinet.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

AK 31.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2022 09:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Velodrome

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Dear Sir,

I write as a resident of the Sports Village, and would like to give my strong support to the proposed development of the velodrome in this area.

I believe this would give a much needed boost to the amenities available to us, the people of Cardiff and further afield and an important step towards the completion of the wider Sports Village project. This would be welcomed by the residents of this area and I believe by the wider cycling community beyond the small interest group in Maindy.

It will also contribute to the Council's health and well being goals and will enhance educational provision in Maindy.

This is a matter of huge importance to residents of the currently-stalled Sports Village developments and to the city as a whole.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

CPR 30.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 October 2022 20:38
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Maindy Park Land Swap Deal

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Dear [REDACTED]

The residents of Cardiff Pointe have been consulted and are overwhelmingly in favour of the Maindy Park land swap deal.

We have been following the debate and we are concerned that the Advisory Committee is not getting a balanced view. The Charities Commission website makes it clear that the land was donated in 1922 for the benefit of the citizens of Cardiff and not the citizens of Maindy:

"Charitable Objects: Recreation or other leisure-time occupation for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Cardiff with the object of improving the conditions of life for those inhabitants."

The Sports Village concept was first developed by the former South Glamorgan County Council in the 1990s. It has been democratically endorsed repeatedly as part of various development plans and now appears in the approved LDP for the City of Cardiff. The new velodrome is an important final piece to complete the Sports Village development which enjoys an exceptionally broad base of support. It is green, sustainable, inclusive and it delivers significant sporting, economic and environmental benefits to the City as a whole. By contrast, we understand that the velodrome at Maindy requires refurbishment. It's location near a congested main road in an area of heavy parking restrictions makes it unsuitable to hold major events that might draw crowds. The new velodrome will be accessible to a much wider range of people and provide easy access by both road and rail. It will showcase the City of Cardiff and be able to host national and international events. Should the Advisory Committee be in any doubt about the high levels of support enjoyed, we suggest that a survey of Sports Village users should be undertaken.

The replacement of Cathays High School is part of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools initiative. Once again this is a programme that has been put in place by a government that has been democratically elected. It is beyond doubt that Cathays High School is currently not fit for purpose. Many of the outbuildings were put in place 50 years ago on a temporary basis. It is the policy of both the Welsh Government and the local council to upgrade such schools and give those children the opportunity for a better start in life. Better education also feeds into economic policy at both national and local level. The school and velodrome projects have been submitted to and passed significant scrutiny and deserve to be implemented quickly. The new velodrome is located in Grangetown and close to Riverside, Butetown and Adamstown, all areas which register high scores on the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivations, and which will benefit from the new location of the velodrome.

The proposed land swap deal gives the Park Trust and the Citizens of Cardiff larger and more valuable pieces of land as a replacement. The fact that the replacement land is not at Maindy is irrelevant, because the beneficiaries are the residents of Cardiff not the residents of Maindy. The direct benefits of the land swap deal are overwhelmingly positive. The package will significantly "improve the conditions of life for the inhabitants" as set out in the trust deed. The indirect benefits are even greater. The City of Cardiff benefits from a state of the art cycle facility that will complete the Sports Village. In addition the Children of Cathays will be taught in a building that, after 50 years of waiting, will finally be fit for purpose.



C and SS 08.11.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 November 2022 12:43
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: International Sports Village Velodrome

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing to you in your capacity as Support Officer for the Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee to register our strong support for the development of the International Sports Village (ISV) Velodrome and Maindy land swap deal which has recently received some opposition from a small but vocal number of Maindy residents.

In contrast to some views we have heard, we would like to point out that the current Maindy Velodrome was built and donated to the City of Cardiff in 1922 by the Marquis of Bute. It was NOT donated to the residents of Maindy - although you would not know that from reading their representations. Moreover, the suggestion that support for the new ISV velodrome is "very minimal" with "just a small handful of people writing in favour" is entirely unfounded as there is strong support from many residents of Cardiff Pointe and surrounding area. We believe that the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of City of Cardiff and beyond.

Neither Cathays High School nor Maindy Velodrome are fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants - this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the City and the children of Cathays. The proposed velodrome is an important component of the ISV and the proposed development is green, sustainable and inclusive for all Cardiff which is why we strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CW 07.11.2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 November 2022 08:49

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Maindy Park Trust Committee

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you can help.

I have sent a number of emails to [REDACTED], in particular one was asking her to forward on some information to the committee.

At the meeting on the 12th October it was quite apparent that the chair had been advised that the replacement velodrome was suitable for all types of bikes – he seemed a bit puzzled when [REDACTED] advised this would not be the case.

Following the meeting it has come to light that the velodrome project team have identified a single velodrome in the UK that allows a small number of freewheel sessions on a steeply banked outdoor track. However the risk assessment is not signed off by British Cycling and this track is closed for the winter season.

Also once the banking hits 25 degrees it cannot be used by any type of bike if there is any moisture on the track.

To date I have not had a reply let alone a acknowledgement.

The chair of the committee was very specific in that they would let us know when the next meeting was.

Would you be able to provide some sort of update regarding the schedule for the committee.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

DH 07.11.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 07 November 2022 20:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Velodrome

We are writing to express our support for the building of the velodrome at Cardiff Pointe within the International Sports village. This is the rightful location for a broad range of sporting activities. We have already lost the proposed ski slope and the concept of an international holistic sports village needs to be demonstrated and realised. We have lived at Cardiff Pointe for the last five years and seen it to become an increasingly vibrant developing sports village .

[REDACTED]

DF 08.11.22

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 November 2022 12:01
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Maindy Park Trust - Land Swap Agreement

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to make some additional points that have arisen during our debate about the Maindy land swap agreement.

Planning Policy

The terms of reference of the Advisory Committee require it to consider whether the land exchange proposal should be agreed, having regard to the best interests of the Charity and its beneficiaries. The beneficiaries of the Trust according to the Charities Commission website are "the inhabitants of the City of Cardiff". We believe that this objective could only be achieved by following statutory planning policy. This is controlled by the LDP for Cardiff which sets the planning and development policy for the City for a 15 year period. Policy KP4 sets out the "Masterplanning Approach". Masterplans set the planning framework for specific areas. The Masterplan for the International Sports Village sets out the Council's policy for the development of cycling facilities within the City. This tells us that the Maindy Velodrome will be replaced by a new Velodrome at the International Sports Village. We believe that the Advisory Committee must follow this in making its recommendation.

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/Your-Council/Have-your-say/Live-Consultations/i-s-v-consultation/Pages/default.aspx> .

Indirect Benefits

The first duty of the Advisory Committee is to consider the validity of the land exchange proposal. The evidence from the Trust's professional property advisors clearly indicate that both alternatives are more than equivalent to the land lost at Maindy. We hope that the Advisory Committee will follow this advice. We believe that the Committee should also consider the indirect benefits to the Trust. Cardiff International Sports Village (ISV) is a key development for Cardiff and the Velodrome is an important anchor for the whole future of the development. Without this there is a risk that the development as a whole will suffer from further stagnation, rather than realising its potential for the City. The Council is currently marketing residential development land on the ISV. A successful outcome on the velodrome project would demonstrate confidence and would assist the ISV to be completed according to the timescales set by the Council. Failure to complete the new velodrome will be damaging to both the sport people and homeowners in the City.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

DF 17.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 October 2022 09:29
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Meeting of Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee

Dear [REDACTED]

Please see email below for your information.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 October 2022 09:22
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Meeting of Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee

Hi [REDACTED]

I received the below email from Mr [REDACTED] supporting the ISV development.

Cofion / Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 October 2022 23:14
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meeting of Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

I am contacting you on behalf of the [REDACTED] part of the International Sport Village (ISV) development. We are highly supportive of the Council's efforts to complete the ISV and we believe that it will bring economic, sporting, environmental, health and wellbeing benefits. Whilst not directly relevant to the land swap, the indirect benefits will be huge and available to all the citizens of the City of Cardiff. Without the land swap, the ISV will be badly damaged and delayed and the City of Cardiff will miss out on a fantastic sports and recreational opportunity.

After watching the video of the first meeting of the Advisory Committee we are very concerned that the evidence being taken by the Committee is highly selective. The meeting was monopolised by 6 people from the Save Maindy Velodrome Campaign who purported to represent a range of different interests. Unsurprisingly, their evidence was very obviously designed to suit their desired outcome. In particular the evidence they presented about the proposed new velodrome was inaccurate and completely disregarded the very obvious benefits. .

Information from the Charities Commission states that the land at Maindy Park was donated in 1922 "for the benefit of the inhabitants of the City of Cardiff with the object of improving the conditions of life for those inhabitants". The evidence presented to the Committee repeatedly suggested that the land had been donated for the benefit of the residents of Maindy. I would ask that the Advisory Committee clarifies this point and considers whether it should be taking evidence from a representative cross section of the citizens of Cardiff. The [REDACTED] would be happy to assist in providing a more balanced view?

As an aside I would like to comment as an ex pupil of Cathays High School where I can confirm that some of the portacabins were put in place over 40 years ago to provide temporary accommodation. More relevant to this issue, the Advisory Committee should not overlook the fact that the new school will include much needed new sports facilities which will also be available to the community - including the residents of Maindy.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

DB 04.11.2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 November 2022 14:27

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Sports Village Velodrome

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Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

I hope you are well.

I am writing to you to express my support for the Sports Village Velodrome.

I understand that some residents of Maindy who utilise this facility are naturally opposed to its proposed relocation. However, the Velodrome is a facility for all the residents of South Wales (and beyond), not just a tiny fraction of residents in Cardiff (Maindy) who would prefer this facility to remain within walking distance of their homes.

The facts are that:

1. The Sports Village has superior transport links to Maindy making it more accessible to people than the Maindy Velodrome is.
2. The existing Velodrome is not fit for purpose and our children deserve a more modern facility.
3. It will help to ensure that Cardiff has a 'true' Sports Village destination, as opposed to an area that just has a pool, rafting centre and ice skating rink (these 3 components alone are not sufficient to assign the label 'Sports Village' to this area).
4. The Sports Village will be a pleasant and inspiring location for the younger generations to visit.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

EJ 19.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 October 2022 08:31
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome

Morning all,

I have received the email below with attached letter last night, seemingly addressed to me only, which I guess is on the basis I answered the question on the Sports Village.

In terms of protocol, do I respond just to acknowledge, do you forward to the Advisory Committee; what's the best thing to do here?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 October 2022 18:41
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome

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Dear [REDACTED]

The following information has just been forwarded to me from the football club that uses the pitch in the middle of this velodrome.

The closure of the velodrome during the winter season is not down to the use of the facility by the football club.

The football club is under the impression that the velodrome is not used during the winter because it would be too dangerous.

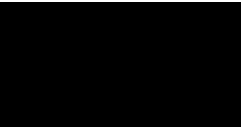
The football club do not use it for training during the football season as the costs of the lighting are too high. The ladies team may use it on a Sunday and there may be a few youth team cup matches.

The first team will only use the facility to host a home game on a Tuesday.

So to confirm the football clubs use during the winter season does not impact on the use of the velodrome for training sessions. It would appear the cycling sessions cease for 6 months for safety reasons.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 4:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome



Cardiff Council

Subject : Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome Planned for ISV

Dear [REDACTED]

Following the first meeting of the Maindy Park Independent Committee it has come to our attention that the council velodrome project team have identified a UK velodrome which they are using as evidence that the “replacement” velodrome in Cardiff will be suitable for “all ages abilities and types of bikes”.

The velodrome in question is in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

This is a predominantly track bike focussed velodrome, but is being used as an example simply because it happens to run a very small number of occasional freewheel sessions for children only.

We suspect that the project team will have manipulated the facts relating to this velodrome to support the continuing false narrative that the proposed velodrome will be “suitable for all”.

Facility: : Lyme Valley Stadium Velodrome, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 3AL.

Specifications: 400 meter tarmac surface outdoor velodrome built in 1956.

There are a number of specific details that may not have been included in the project team’s (uncirculated) report which evidence why this is not a suitable location to use as justification that the new facility will be “suitable for all”.

- The track is a 66 year old facility that is 67 meters longer than the proposed track, making the geometry different and the bends less severe.

- It is listed as 31 degrees banking, but the expert who last resurfaced the track has informed us that, at its steepest point, it is no more than 27 degrees.
- As with all outdoor tarmac tracks of 25 degrees and above, it is unsafe to use on any bike when there is any moisture on the track.
- **All sessions** and track league events run on the track **are cancelled when it rains.**
- **The velodrome is a seasonal facility and closes for over six months** of the year (September to late April). This is partly due to unreliable inclement winter weather and also because a football club shares the site.
- The freewheel sessions are for children to develop the necessary skills and accreditation to ride on the track. The sessions start off on the grass areas outside the velodrome and **only four** such sessions are shown on the calendar of associated website as having taken place during the 2022 season.
- Children only used to participate in 30 minutes of racing on freewheel bikes in a “mini league” before a full evening of fixed wheel track league events. No adult riders.
- There was no freewheel racing on the track during the 2022 season.
- All very limited freewheel children’s freewheel activities at the site are a precursor to participation in fixed wheel track bike activities.
- No adult freewheel training sessions or racing activities take place on the track.
- There is an age restriction and accreditation process to undertake before being allowed on the track.

As you should now be able to conclude, the Lyme Valley velodrome is almost exclusively for track bike use, with the occasional exception being made for children prior to them being old enough and skilled enough to participate in track bike specific cycling activities.

This is in no way comparable to the predominantly freewheel bike usage at Maindy, or the supposed suitability of the proposed new velodrome for freewheel bike sessions and races.

The example of the Lyme Valley Velodrome does nothing to disprove that a new build 333m outdoor tarmac velodrome of 28 degree or above in Cardiff will be anything other than a track bike fixed wheel only cycling facility.

When you take into consideration all the information available relating to this 400m velodrome, it actually **further evidences** the **unsuitability and shortcomings** of the proposed shorter Cardiff track:

- An in depth comparison further evidences that the Cardiff velodrome will be predominantly (if not exclusively) a fixed wheel track bike facility. This is despite Maindy being used by a huge majority of approximately 98% of freewheel bikes users. This use encompasses adult,

child and youth cyclists and triathletes. In other words by “all ages, abilities and types of bikes”.

- With an average rainfall of around 149 days per year, Cardiff is statistically the **wettest city in the UK**. This would necessitate the closure of any outdoor tarmac track built in Cardiff with banking of 25 degrees or over **for in excess of a third of the year**.
- The chosen location for the new velodrome is in close proximity to the coast and bordered by the River Ely. Even when not raining, this will result in **an increased risk of moisture accumulation on the track, especially during winter months**. The track would not have opportunity to fully dry out, potentially for days or weeks at a time. This situation will be made worse by the proposed windbreak around the track which will prevent any low winter sun from drying the tarmac.
- Even if (unlike Lyme Valley) the facility remains open during the winter season, the actual operating days will be significantly reduced by any rain or damp conditions. **This is an important consideration which will require a substantial downgrading of the velodrome income projections, especially when combined with the number of current users who will be unable to transfer from Maindy due to the unsuitability of the current design.**

The project team’s focus on the Lyme Valley velodrome has been useful to us in that it has actually strengthened the case that the proposed new velodrome is a totally inadequate replacement for Maindy Velodrome.

In addition to it being totally unsuitable for the majority of users, it has now come to our attention that (unlike Maindy) it will be forced to close for well in excess of 140 days a year i.e. whenever rain or damp conditions result in moisture accumulation on the track.

As you have already heard, at 18 degree banking, Maindy Velodrome only has to close on the rare occasions the track is affected by snow or ice.

We trust that this information will better inform yourself and will be used to counter any misleading conclusions reached in your project team’s UK velodromes research.

On the subject of the project team’s findings, they have not yet been made public or shared with the stakeholder clubs and governing bodies.

Hopefully this is an oversight, as the Maindy Flyers Letter was sent in January and the resultant stakeholder meeting was held in February and it is now mid-October!

We wish to also **formally request a copy of the project team’s UK Velodrome review / findings**, as we can see no reason for it to be withheld, especially as we have our own experts in velodrome design, construction and usage who are very interested in having sight of its contents.

To conclude, our findings so far, supported by cycling coach Alan Davies and also a velodrome expert are able to evidence that:

- Any moisture on an outdoor tarmac velodrome of 25 degrees or more caused by rain or damp atmospheric conditions renders the track unsafe to use.

- The design of the replacement velodrome will be subject to limitations in the types of bikes that can be used (track bikes only) and susceptible to frequent closure whenever the track becomes wet.
- A suitable replacement community velodrome for Maindy, compliant with British Cycling specifications, would have to be a 500m velodrome with banking no greater than 20 degrees. This was detailed in the January Maindy Flyers letter (attached).
- The recognised and current norm for an outdoor (or indoor) performance based track bike velodrome is 250m, not the 333m.
- There are no other 333m velodromes in the UK. The velodrome the Cardiff one has been modelled on is in the USA and is track bike only and age restricted.

If you have any doubts over what we are saying, we are prepared to provide you with any further details, evidence or witness statements from experts as required.

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank You.

[REDACTED]

18th October 2022

Sources:

[REDACTED], from evidence given in person to the independent committee, direct contact and interviews given to the press.

An expert in UK Velodrome design, planning and construction. The individual responsible for the resurfacing of Maindy and Newcastle-under-Lyme velodromes and the former chief advisor to British Cycling on velodrome track design and refurbishment.

Newcastle (under-Lyme) Track Cycling Association website.

Information obtained directly from Newcastle Track Cycling Association (NTCA) officials.

Our own detailed research into UK outdoor velodromes, including direct contact with the majority of the relevant clubs and associations.

[REDACTED]

26 January 2022

[REDACTED]

Dear Councillors [REDACTED]

Re : Velodrome Relocation concerns

As you will be aware the [REDACTED] are a major user of the current Velodrome in Maindy and to date have been broadly supportive of a move to an upgraded facility at the International Sports Village. We are pleased to see investment in our sport and believe the concept of a cycling specific building and facilities will improve provision and enrich our community.

However, as we are not yet clear on some of the details which will make a big difference to the club we don't feel that we are able to be overwhelmingly positive.

We appreciate there is complex process to follow. Therefore, we wanted to write to you directly in the first instance so that you can understand our point of view. We hope we can positively influence decisions regarding the velodrome and ensure it maximises the opportunity to create a cycling facility that can truly support the development of cycling for the whole community rather than one that is more performance-focused.

Between us, over many years our volunteer Coaching team and Committee have spent many hours track side. Whether from training in all weathers, coaching children of all abilities and organising national-level racing we are unique in our experience and knowledge to advise on the things that have made [REDACTED], youth cycling and the Maindy facility such a huge success over the years, and which may not be so obvious to others.

It is worth noting that our sessions to youth riders make up approximately 70-80% of the current velodromes use and the concerns detailed below will significantly impact on training provision for youth riders.

1. Road Circuit Uncertainty

Given that the proposed velodrome is significantly shorter in length the way we deliver our activities may be compromised. We believe Cardiff will only see an improvement in cycling facilities when the road circuit is also complete.

If constructed to the correct 'competition' specification with the correct width, surface, run off areas, lighting and fencing it will be a huge asset which will be adopted by all parts of the cycling community. The ability to attract large scale race events will also help to raise the

profile of cycling in the area. However, if a compromised road circuit solution is delivered, we do not foresee that it will be of any use to the club at all.

We fully support this part of the project and see it as a vital part of the overall project and will truly make it a facility of which Cardiff, its residents and the cycling community can be proud.

2. Track banking may be too steep

Maindy Velodrome has a relatively shallow banking (18 degrees, which is suitable and useable by a wide range of bikes including all sizes of road bikes (those with gears and brakes) and also track bikes (single speed, no brakes). We have been advised in a recent technical meeting that the banking for the new Velodrome will have an angle of 32 degrees. The illustration below demonstrates what a difference this makes.

This detail is important to us because we believe that inclusivity and accessibility is more important for a community-use facility such as this one than performance. As a club we coach children as young as 5 to ride the velodrome and it is important to us that they can confidently use the whole track. A banked track which is too steep will put potential participants off taking part in the sport, and all have minimum age requirements that are considerably higher than that which applies to [REDACTED].

Firstly, the steeper banking is a concern because of local weather conditions. Newport velodrome has a 42-degree banking but is a performance-focused, indoor venue that is only suitable for track bikes and riders aged 10+. Wet weather will significantly impact on delivery of safe sessions for mixed ability riders (youth & adult). Cancellation due to weather conditions rarely happens in Maindy as we are able to swap sessions between road and track sessions if the weather is particularly wet. It is unlikely that the proposed banking angle of 32-degrees would be safe to ride on in the wet, leading to lots of cancelled sessions. This would have a significant impact on the revenue the facility is able to generate, not just from our club but from other users of the facility.

Secondly, if the track is too steep the chance of “pedal strike” on the banking increases particularly for road bikes. We also have to take into account the differing and ranging sizes/geometry set ups in both youth and adult road bikes.

We appreciate that the steeper banking will continue to accommodate track bikes. However, a steeper angle requires the rider to maintain a higher speed which is good for the more confident rider but may exclude some at the lower ability end. Those that are more confident can already access excellent facilities at Newport. Two tracks with strikingly similar profiles would likely be both be detrimental to each other and the athletes/participants. The indoor facility would likely be more successful due to the control of weather conditions.

If the future goal is to expand and increase inclusivity in youth sport and cycling more generally in Cardiff and South East Wales, we feel a banking angle of 32 degrees will again compromise the ability to deliver upon this goal. Something closer to the banking at Maindy would be far more accessible to all.

3. Track Length / Capacity is reduced

The new velodrome is planned to be 333m which is shorter than the existing 460m facility. We understand that this is due to the national governing body’s preference for metric tracks and that a 500m track is not achievable without the removal of Olympic Drive. Our opinion is that a 500m Velodrome would be a direct replacement for Maindy and would be the ideal solution.

Our main concern is regarding track capacity and design. A reduced sized velodrome will reduce the number of participants able to train at any one time. Part of our “magic formula” in producing future world class athletes, is that we train mixed ability groups together, this gives riders a target regardless of age and gender. The larger the group the better. When younger riders are able to shelter behind older faster riders, they are able to train for longer, faster and harder than if they are training just within their own age group alone.

Inspiration and mentoring is crucial for any youth sport. Riders have always been able to look up to older riders within the club. We see time and again the inspiration younger riders gain from the many older youth role models in the club, with whom they are able to train. If the track capacity is reduced significantly, we are afraid we are likely to lose a fundamental element of that magic which makes [REDACTED] such a successful and unique cycling club.

On a practical note, if the groups are smaller and our membership numbers remain the same or swell then we will need to compromise on session length in order to accommodate everyone. This is due the limited track time being available outside school hours. The ability for riders to get the required training time to make them competitive is compromised.

The potential impact of a smaller track is also critical in the importance we place on the closed road circuit. Delivering this to the right specification is vital to maintaining overall training capacity alongside a 333m velodrome.

4. Track Centre Design

The area in the centre of the Velodrome at Maindy is a vital part of our training and racing. We use it to simulate and develop the cornering skills needed in most races. . As the area is smaller within a reduced sized track, we are very keen to ensure that design meets our needs.

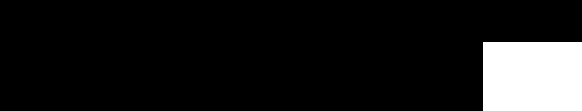
5. Costs

Put simply, cycling is an expensive sport and we make every effort to make it accessible to all by keeping costs as low as possible. We do this through maintaining a fleet of bikes and keeping our monthly subscriptions as low as possible. Additional costs would be unwelcome, particularly as we may see an initial drop in numbers whilst we move between venues. Long term viability and access to the sport relies on keeping costs sustainable.

6. Continuity

We are pleased to have received a commitment that there will be no break in cycling provision. However, we must highlight the importance of this. Any delay or gap in provision could have a disastrous impact on our club and cycling in Cardiff and South East Wales. We would welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss any of the points in more detail should you wish. Although the points raised may on the surface appear negative, we hope this is a constructive approach to contributing and providing solutions to the delivery of a facility of which the city can be proud.

Yours faithfully

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GB 30.10.22

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 October 2022 18:03
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Velodrome relocation

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear [REDACTED]

I write in support of the Velodrome relocation to, what is the perfect site for it, down at the International Sports Village in Cardiff Bay. There are many who feel the same way, but their voices are being drowned out by the noisy minority of Maindy residents, who appear to be under the mistaken belief that the land upon which Maindy Velodrome is built was donated to those living in its vicinity only. In fact, this land was donated to the City of Cardiff as a whole, in 1922, by the Marquis of Bute, ie to all of the Citizens of Cardiff.

I strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy, and believe that the new Velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of the City of Cardiff and beyond.

Furthermore, Cathays High School, as it stands, is not fit for purpose, and the children deserve a new school, which will be funded by Welsh Government Grants. Both the school and the Velodrome are in need of upgrading, and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the City as a whole, and the children of Cathays.

In summary, I strongly urge you to continue supporting the plan that has many benefits for all, despite the noisy objections of a minority who appear to want their status quo to be unchanged regardless of the needs of many.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

JB 31.10.22

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 October 2022 08:47

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Decision on Velodrome Project

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Good morning,

This is just to put on record that I unequivocally support the Velodrome project and the Land Swap deal at Maindy.

It is vital for the development of the Sports Village and of course, having a first class cycling facility in Cardiff.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

JCF 31.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2022 18:27
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Velodrome approval

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Please see my approval and strong positive change as follow:

- We strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy.
- Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff not the residents of Maindy.
- We believe the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of City of Cardiff and beyond.
- Cathays High School is not fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants.
- Both the school and the velodrome are in need of upgrading and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the City and the children of Cathays.

Best regards

A citizen of Cardiff

KM 31.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 October 2022 20:53

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee - support for Velodrome at International Sport Village

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Hi [REDACTED]

As a resident of Cardiff Point, I would like to my express my full support of the velodrome relocating to the International Sports Village from Maindy to join the other sporting venues of:

- Cardiff International White Water
- Cardiff International Pool and Gym
- Cardiff Ice Arena

I cannot strongly enough support the land swap deal at Maindy.

Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff not the residents of Maindy.

We believe the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of City of Cardiff and beyond.

Cathays High School is not fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants.

Both the school and the velodrome are in need of upgrading and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the City and the children of Cathays.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

MG 02.11.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 02 November 2022 16:27
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Velodrome - representation from Cardiff Pointe residents

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear Sirs.

We are the owners of two town houses at Cardiff Pointe and would like to make the following representations:

- We strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy.
- Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff and not the residents of Maindy.
- We believe the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of Cardiff and beyond.
- Cathays High School is not fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants.
- Both the school and the velodrome need upgrading and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both Cardiff and the children of Cathays.
- Cardiff International Sports Village is a key development for Cardiff and the Velodrome is an important anchor for the whole future of the development. Without this there is a risk that the development as a whole will suffer from further stagnation, rather than realising its potential for Cardiff.

Yours faithfully.

[REDACTED]

MP 31.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2022 19:50
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for the land swap at Maindy Park

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Hi [REDACTED]

I am writing to show my support for the expansion and modernisation of Cathay's High School, and the resulting move of the Velodrome from Maindy to the International Sports Village in Cardiff Bay.

The ISV has stalled over the last 5+years and parts of the area have become derelict, full of litter, has poor lighting, graffiti and other anti-social behaviour. To carry on with the ISV vision, the Velodrome needs to be built in the ISV. This will provide a new, modern, world class facility that will also start the momentum for building other facilities in the area, making a truly international sports village in the capital of Wales, benefiting the residents of Cardiff, Wales, and rest of the UK.

I believe there is opposition from Maindy residents. However, Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff not just to the residents of Maindy. I believe the citizens of Cardiff and beyond will benefit from a new modern velodrome in the ISV, which is well located and very accessible, with easy driving routes, has plans for plenty of parking and is served by plenty of buses, and a local train station at Cogan.

Times move on, and much more modern facilities are required nowadays, and that includes schools too. The current Cathays High School is not fit for purpose, and the children desperately need a modernised, accessible and inviting school that they deserve and want to be educated in.

I strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy, support the new school and support the building of a new velodrome in the ISV.

Regards,
[REDACTED]

MS 31.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 October 2022 17:16

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee - support for Velodrome at International Sport Village

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Hi [REDACTED]

I've been informed there will be a final decision made on the velodrome's future soon and its hopeful relocation to the international sports village

As a resident of Cardiff Point living within the Sports Village I fully support and recommend the relocation of the Velodrome from Maindy to join the other sporting venues of

- Cardiff International White Water
- Cardiff International Pool and Gym
- Cardiff Ice Arena

I cannot strongly enough support the land swap deal at Maindy.

Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff not the residents of Maindy.

We believe the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of City of Cardiff and beyond.

Cathays High School is not fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants.

Both the school and the velodrome are in need of upgrading and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the City and the children of Cathays.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

MdV 31.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2022 17:36
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: A new velodrome for Cardiff

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear [REDACTED]

I understand that the Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee will soon be meeting to decide upon the land swap deal which is integral to the development of the new velodrome in the sports village . I strongly support the land swap deal which will enable the major investment in the velodrome to proceed . I am conscious that the land donated by the Marquis of Bute in Maindy was with the intention of benefiting all the citizens of our capital and that a positive decision on the swap would again achieve an enormous benefit for all Cardiff residents. These benefits include the development of a world class sporting venue, a much needed revitalising of the Sports Village which has been without investment for many years now and substantial economic benefits for the city as a whole because the facility would attract people from a wide catchment area.Allied to this the development of a replacement for Cathays High school as part of the deal would be a testament to the Welsh Government's commitment to education and the next generation who currently have a time served building that is no longer fit for purpose. Please convey the strength of positive support for the proposal to the committee for this "Once in a Lifetime Opportunity".

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

EJ (2) 19.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 19 October 2022 08:47

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome

Hi [REDACTED]

Interesting that [REDACTED] has sent these out individually?

Please find attached the letters of support for the design from three different groups to date :

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]

Is it now sensible to forward these with the email from [REDACTED] to the Committee so they can deal with this element, although as we know, not technically a Trust matter.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: 19 October 2022 08:40

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome

Hello [REDACTED]

I was also sent this and was about to send it on to you and [REDACTED] and ask you for clarification on this. One of the things we said we said we would do at the previous meeting was to seek clarification of this point about the degree of slant, as Mr [REDACTED] said the planned degree of sleet would prevent usage in wet weather and prevent usage by those using ordinary bikes, which he said was the majority of the usage. They also asked for clarity about the timing of when the road circuit would be completed. Do you know who would be best placed to clarify this please so that we can reply to the objectors? I had a very brief chat in passing with [REDACTED] who said he thought it had been agreed by [REDACTED]? If you could let me have the info I will send it onto the info on the Committee with the letter. Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 8:34:07 AM

To [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome

All,

Dear all,

This has also come in which is more detailed on the design element, which we now have letters of support from other sources supporting the proposals at the Sports Village.

Again, do I acknowledge this formally, or does it come from the Committee?

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 October 2022 16:15

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome

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[REDACTED]

Subject : Unsuitability of Replacement Velodrome Planned for ISV

Dear [REDACTED]


Following the first meeting of the [REDACTED] it has come to our attention that the council velodrome project team have identified a UK velodrome which they are using as

evidence that the “replacement” velodrome in Cardiff will be suitable for “all ages abilities and types of bikes”.

The velodrome in question is in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

This is a predominantly track bike focussed velodrome, but is being used as an example simply because it happens to run a very small number of occasional freewheel sessions for children only.

We suspect that the project team will have manipulated the facts relating to this velodrome to support the continuing false narrative that the proposed velodrome will be “suitable for all”.

Facility: 

Specifications: 400 meter tarmac surface outdoor velodrome built in 1956.

There are a number of specific details that may not have been included in the project team’s (uncirculated) report which evidence why this is not a suitable location to use as justification that the new facility will be “suitable for all”.

- The track is a 66 year old facility that is 67 meters longer than the proposed track, making the geometry different and the bends less severe.
- It is listed as 31 degrees banking, but the expert who last resurfaced the track has informed us that, at it’s steepest point, it is no more than 27 degrees.
- As with all outdoor tarmac tracks of 25 degrees and above, it is unsafe to use on any bike when there is any moisture on the track.
- **All sessions** and track league events run on the track **are cancelled when it rains.**
- **The velodrome is a seasonal facility and closes for over six months** of the year (September to late April). This is partly due to unreliable inclement winter weather and also because a football club shares the site.
- The freewheel sessions are for children to develop the necessary skills and accreditation to ride on the track. The sessions start off on the grass areas outside the velodrome and **only four** such sessions are shown on the calendar of associated website as having taken place during the 2022 season.
- Children only used to participate in 30 minutes of racing on freewheel bikes in a “mini league” before a full evening of fixed wheel track league events. No adult riders.

- There was no freewheel racing on the track during the 2022 season.
- All very limited freewheel children's freewheel activities at the site are a precursor to participation in fixed wheel track bike activities.
- No adult freewheel training sessions or racing activities take place on the track.
- There is an age restriction and accreditation process to undertake before being allowed on the track.

As you should now be able to conclude, the Lyme Valley velodrome is almost exclusively for track bike use, with the occasional exception being made for children prior to them being old enough and skilled enough to participate in track bike specific cycling activities.

This is in no way comparable to the predominantly freewheel bike usage at Maindy, or the supposed suitability of the proposed new velodrome for freewheel bike sessions and races.

The example of the Lyme Valley Velodrome does nothing to disprove that a new build 333m outdoor tarmac velodrome of 28 degree or above in Cardiff will be anything other than a track bike fixed wheel only cycling facility.

When you take into consideration all the information available relating to this 400m velodrome, it actually **further evidences** the **unsuitability and shortcomings** of the proposed shorter Cardiff track:

- An in depth comparison further evidences that the Cardiff velodrome will be predominantly (if not exclusively) a fixed wheel track bike facility. This is despite Maindy being used by a huge majority of approximately 98% of freewheel bikes users. This use encompasses adult, child and youth cyclists and triathletes. In other words by "all ages, abilities and types of bikes".
- With an average rainfall of around 149 days per year, Cardiff is statistically the **wettest city in the UK**. This would necessitate the closure of any outdoor tarmac track built in Cardiff with banking of 25 degrees or over **for in excess of a third of the year**.
- The chosen location for the new velodrome is in close proximity to the coast and bordered by the River Ely. Even when not raining, this will result in **an increased risk of moisture accumulation on the track, especially during winter months**. The track would not have opportunity to fully dry out, potentially for days or weeks at a time. This situation will be made worse by the proposed windbreak around the track which will prevent any low winter sun from drying the tarmac.

- Even if (unlike [REDACTED]) the facility remains open during the winter season, the actual operating days will be significantly reduced by any rain or damp conditions. **This is an important consideration which will require a substantial downgrading of the velodrome income projections, especially when combined with the number of current users who will be unable to transfer from Maindy due to the unsuitability of the current design.**

The project team's focus on the [REDACTED] velodrome has been useful to us in that it has actually strengthened the case that the proposed new velodrome is a totally inadequate replacement for Maindy Velodrome.

In addition to it being totally unsuitable for the majority of users, it has now come to our attention that (unlike Maindy) it will be forced to close for well in excess of 140 days a year i.e. whenever rain or damp conditions result in moisture accumulation on the track.

As you have already heard, at 18 degree banking, Maindy Velodrome only has to close on the rare occasions the track is affected by snow or ice.

We trust that this information will better inform yourself and will be used to counter any misleading conclusions reached in your project team's UK velodromes research.

On the subject of the project team's findings, they have not yet been made public or shared with the stakeholder clubs and governing bodies.

Hopefully this is an oversight, as the Maindy Flyers Letter was sent in January and the resultant stakeholder meeting was held in February and it is now mid-October!

We wish to also **formally request a copy of the project team's UK Velodrome review / findings**, as we can see no reason for it to be withheld, especially as we have our own experts in velodrome design, construction and usage who are very interested in having sight of its contents.

To conclude, our findings so far, supported by cycling coach [REDACTED] and also a velodrome expert are able to evidence that:

- Any moisture on an outdoor tarmac velodrome of 25 degrees or more caused by rain or damp atmospheric conditions renders the track unsafe to use.
- The design of the replacement velodrome will be subject to limitations in the types of bikes that can be used (track bikes only) and susceptible to frequent closure whenever the track becomes wet.
- A suitable replacement community velodrome for Maindy, compliant with British Cycling specifications, would have to be a 500m velodrome with banking no greater than 20 degrees. This was detailed in the January Maindy Flyers letter (attached).

- The recognised and current norm for an outdoor (or indoor) performance based track bike velodrome is 250m, not the 333m.
- There are no other 333m velodromes in the UK. The velodrome the Cardiff one has been modelled on is in the USA and is track bike only and age restricted.

If you have any doubts over what we are saying, we are prepared to provide you with any further details, evidence or witness statements from experts as required.

Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

18th October 2022

Sources:

[REDACTED] MBE, from evidence given in person to the independent committee, direct contact and interviews given to the press.

An expert in UK Velodrome design, planning and construction. The individual responsible for the resurfacing of Maindy and [REDACTED] velodromes and the former chief advisor to British Cycling on velodrome track design and refurbishment.

[REDACTED] website.

Information obtained directly from [REDACTED] officials.

Our own detailed research into UK outdoor velodromes, including direct contact with the majority of the relevant clubs and associations.

RL 31.10.2022

From: [REDACTED] >

Sent: 31 October 2022 09:31

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Sports Village Velodrome

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to the recent arguments by a group of residents living in Maindy claiming that there is no need for the school and no support for the development at the Sports Village, which they claim is badly located. They incorrectly suggest that private developers will benefit from the ISV and that public money will be wasted. This is a totally unacceptable reason for arguing against the development, the development should without question proceed to provide additional facilities to the Sports Village and to provide 21stC facilities for the schoolchildren.

Please take note of the following statements.

- I strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy.
- Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff and NOT the residents of Maindy.
- I believe the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of City of Cardiff and beyond and add another unique facility to the Sports Village itself
- Cathays High School is not fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants.
- Both the school and the velodrome are in need of upgrading and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the City and the children of Cathays

[REDACTED]

SB 31.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 October 2022 12:47

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee, Support Officer: Velodrome to be built at International Sports Village

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to the proposed new velodrome to be built at the International Sports Village, I am writing to you to let you know that I strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy - Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff, and not the residents of Maindy. I believe the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to the citizens of the whole of Cardiff and beyond. Cathays High School is not fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants. Both the school and the velodrome are in need of upgrading and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the city and the children of Cathays.

As a house owner living opposite the leisure centre in the International Sports Village, I am aware that the proposed new velodrome will help to finalise the development of the area, where the land has been left derelict, full of weeds and fencing, and is in urgent need of being finished. Hundreds of visitors come to the International Sports Village every weekend, there are cars parked everywhere, and there is a definite need for the velodrome to be located here, with many, many potential users who visit here very regularly.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

VK 01.11.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 November 2022 15:23
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Velodrome, Sports Village

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear Sir,

Please be advised of my strong support for the proposed velodrome development at the international sports Village.

I believe this will benefit the City as a whole and help get the sports Village development going again

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

V and T 30.10.2022

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 October 2022 19:05
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Maindy Park Trust Advisory Committee, Reference

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear Ms [REDACTED], we are residents of [REDACTED] and would like to add our support for the land swap deal at Maindy and the proposals for the Velodrome at the ISV, please note our views;

1. We strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy.
2. Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff not the residents of Maindy.
3. We believe the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of City of Cardiff and beyond.
4. Cathays High School is not fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants.
5. Both the school and the velodrome are in need of upgrading and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the City and the children of Cathays.

Regards, [REDACTED]

WS 07.11.2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 November 2022 15:56

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Velodrome Relocation

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear [REDACTED]

I believe that the recommendation regarding the velodrome relocation to the International Sports Village is due soon. As there seems to be a lot of opposition, I wanted to offer my support for the scheme. This is a fantastic opportunity for Cardiff and Wales to have a state of the art facility and to deliver on the promises of the sports village. A lot of the disagreement seems to centre on the gift of the land on which the original velodrome was built. I understand the land was gifted to the people of Cardiff and not Maindy, and therefore the most appropriate use should benefit the whole of Cardiff and its residents. It is also the case that the current high school is not fit for purpose and this new land would allow that development. The sports village as a project has been left stagnant for years, from such promising beginnings, and to achieve its full potential this is an essential development to complete the multi-sport facility and regenerate the area, finally.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

GH 09.11.2022

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 09 November 2022 17:41

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Cardiff sports village velodrome

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ALLANOL: Daw'r e-bost hwn o'r tu allan i Gyngor Caerdydd, cymerwch ofal wrth glicio ar ddolenni.

Dear [REDACTED], I am writing to you to express my concern over the possibility that the Cardiff sports village velodrome may not go ahead. We have already lost the proposed ski dome and to lose the velodrome as well would be disastrous for the sports village and Cardiff as a whole. I strongly support the land swap deal at Maindy. I would like to make the following arguments in support of the velodrome being located where it should be ie the sports village. Maindy Park was donated to the Citizens of Cardiff not the residents of Maindy I believe the new velodrome will bring sporting, environmental and economic benefits to citizens of the whole of City of Cardiff and beyond. Cathays High School is not fit for purpose and the children deserve a new school which will be funded by Welsh Government grants. Both the school and the velodrome are in need of upgrading and this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for both the City and the children of Cathays.

Kind regards

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 November 2022 16:53
To: [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to inform you of my support for the development of a new Velodrome at the Sports Village. I believe there is resistance to closing the existing Maindy Stadium and cycle track to enable the development of Cathays High School. This surprises me, but there is often resistance to change and progress.

I would like you to know that I was born in Cardiff in 1938. I attended Cathays High School from 1949 to 1957. I left Cardiff in 1968 but returned to live at Cardiff Pointe in 2018. During that 50 year absence I am really proud of what Cardiff has become in so many aspects. Perhaps the barrage and the Bay being the most adventurous and full credit to Cardiff Council for having the foresight and courage to make such progress despite some opposition.

I think the time has come for more progress at the Sports Village with a new Velodrome. I can summarise my reasoning as follows.

1. The Sports Village is a major attraction in Cardiff. As a regular user of the swimming pool and gym I can vouch for the quality of the facilities. I am also astonished at how far people will travel to use the Sports Village. Only last Sunday I spoke to people waiting for the White Water rafting centre to open, and they had

travelled from Bournemouth and from Worcester. There is no doubt a new modern state of the art Velodrome would bring even more visitors.

2. The land at Maindy and The Sports Village belongs to Cardiff Council on behalf of the Cardiff Council taxpayers and as such the Council should have in mind to use such land for the benefit of those taxpayers. What better use than a new Velodrome to benefit all.

3. As far as I know there have been no major changes to the property or facilities at Cathays High since I was there 67 years ago. I believe the current pupils and future generations deserve better. Can the school still be fit for the purpose it was built for? You know better than me on that point.

There have been so many changes in educational needs in my lifetime and the redevelopment, or even a new build, of Cathays High would be very good news for those children in the Cathays and Maindy catchment area.

4. The Sports Village development has changed little since I moved back 4 years ago. This is disappointing since it has been such a major project in Cardiff and attracts so many visitors. A new Velodrome would surely kickstart even further enrichment in so many ways for Cardiff.

I hope my comments supporting a new Velodrome have been reasonable, sensible and are made only for the benefit of all Cardiff cyclists, residents and visitors.

Best regards

