



Date: 12 July 2023

Councillor Thomas  
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Public Letter

Dear Councillor Thomas,

**INTERNATIONAL SPORTS VILLAGE (ISV)**

Our thanks to you, Neil Hanratty, Chris Barnett, Richard Cook, Eirian Jones, and Jo-Anne Phillips for attending our meeting for pre-decision scrutiny of the report to Cabinet titled '*International Sports Village Development*'. Members have asked that I pass on the following comments and observations on the public information; I have sent a separate confidential letter capturing our comments on the exempt information.

**Developer Partner**

Members note that the name of the developer partner has been released into the public domain via a press release and therefore it is appropriate for their name to be included in the public section of the report to Cabinet, for transparency. Members note there was overall agreement with this point.

**Transport Hub**

Members note that point 23 of the report to Cabinet sets out the work underway to improve public and active transport provision for the ISV, and for there to be a park and ride solution as part of the Transport Hub to optimise connectivity to the city centre and Mermaid Quay.

## **Car Parking**

Members note the Council is obliged by previous development agreements to provide 800 car parking spaces, that work is ongoing to develop options for provision and that there will be a further report to Cabinet on this in the future. Members note this will help to address residents concerns about non-resident parking.

## **Water's Edge**

Members note the report to Cabinet sets out that there will be a promenade of 8 metres around the water's edge, apart from the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club site, to enable public access to the water's edge and that there is confidence in this as a minimum, as it is not possible to build on this land due to the revetment wall and tie-backs.

Members note that previously Committee had been informed the promenade would be 15-19 metres and would enable walking and cycling. Members note officers' explanation that these plans are still contained in the masterplan, which has not altered, and that the masterplan will form the basis of the planning application submitted by the developer.

## **Greening the Site**

Members asked whether it was possible to make the site more visually green and note officers' responses that:

- The remediated nature of the site makes some planting difficult
- Parks officers are working on possible solutions, including trees in containers, with a view to planting into the ground where this is possible
- The intention is that the site will be as visually green as possible and landscaped to a very high level.

## **Heat Exchange**

Members note the proposed heat exchange system varies significantly from older heat exchange systems used in housing, such as on the Penrhys housing estate, and that the proposed system will not lead to some areas being too hot and some being too cold.

## Length of Papers

Members appreciate the timing of reports to Cabinet, and therefore to scrutiny, particularly of projects as complex as Atlantic Wharf and ISV, is difficult and that, ideally, these reports would be staggered to ensure a manageable volume of information. Members are pleased that at Committee you referenced this and acknowledged that it was not ideal. Members agree: it is not conducive to good scrutiny for Members to have circa 700 pages of detailed information to read and process in 6 days. Therefore, Members **request** that officers are mindful of this in future and that steps are taken to try to mitigate this, where possible, recognising that this may not always be possible.

This letter requires a response, please, to the following:

### **Request:**

- Members **request** that officers are mindful of the need to stagger reports to Cabinet where possible to ensure a manageable volume of information to enable good scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,



**COUNCILLOR PETER WONG  
CHAIR, ECONOMY & CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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