



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held on Thursday, 4  
March 2021 at 3.00 pm.

**County Borough Councillors - Planning and Development Committee Members in attendance:-**

Councillor S Rees (Chair)

Councillor G Caple    Councillor J Bonetto  
Councillor P Jarman    Councillor D Grehan  
Councillor G Hughes    Councillor J Williams  
Councillor W Owen    Councillor R Yeo  
Councillor S Powderhill

**Officers in attendance:-**

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication  
Mr S Gale, Director of Prosperity & Development  
Mr C Jones, Head of Major Development and Investment  
Mr S Humphreys, Head of Legal Services  
Mr A Rees, Senior Engineer

**County Borough Councillors in attendance:-**

Councillor R Bevan, Councillor K Morgan, Councillor G Thomas, Councillor R Lewis,  
Councillor A Morgan and Councillor S Bradwick.

**121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from County Borough Councillor D Williams.

**122 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, County Borough Councillor R Yeo declared a personal interest in respect of application 20/0986 - Construction and use of a stack with associated pipework and a continuous emissions monitoring systems gantry with ladder access, Fifth Avenue, Hirwaun Industrial Estate, Hirwaun

"My employer has undertaken work to connect Hirwaun Enviroparks to the electricity grid. As such I have raised purchase orders for equipment to do so. However, as I work in Administration only, I am not in a decision-making role and have not dealt directly with anyone at the site or working in the company."

## **123 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT 1998 AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL DECISIONS**

It was **RESOLVED** to note that when Committee Members determine the development control matters before them, they should have regard to the Development Plan and, so far as material to applications, to any other material considerations and when taking decisions, Members have to ensure they do not act in a manner that is incompatible with the convention on Human Rights as incorporated into legislation by the Human Rights Act 1998.

## **124 WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

It was **RESOLVED** to note that the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 imposes a duty on public bodies to carry out sustainable development in accordance with the sustainable development principle and to act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

## **125 APPLICATION NO: 20/0986**

**Construction and use of a stack with associated pipework and a continuous emissions monitoring systems gantry with ladder access, Fifth Avenue, Hirwaun Industrial Estate, Hirwaun**

In accordance with adopted procedures, the Committee received the following public speakers who were afforded five minutes to address Members on the above-mentioned proposal:

- Mr Karl Craddick (Agent)
- Ms Vikki Howells MS (Objector)
- Ms Beth Winter MP (Objector)
- Mrs Mara Wakefield (Objector)
- Mrs Tracy Sweetland-Hodges (Objector)
- Mrs Clare Rees (Objector)
- Mrs Barbara Melksham (Objector)
- Mrs Diane Pope (Objector)
- Mrs Cari Rees (Objector)
- Mr Richard Jones (Objector)

The Head of Major Development and Investment read out the contents of three written submissions from the following:

- Dr Kevin Thomas (Objector)
- Mr David Pritchard (Objector)
- Mr Roy Noble (Objector)

The Applicant Mr David Williams exercised the right to respond to the comments made by the objectors.

Non-Committee/ Local Members – County Borough Councillors G Thomas and K Morgan spoke on the application and put forward their objections in respect of the proposed Development.

The Head of Major Development and Investment provided Members with an

update on the number of objections received to date in comparison to the number provided in the original report.

He also informed members there were no further implications to consider in respect of the recently published Future Wales 2040 Framework and Planning Policy Wales 11.

The Head of Major Development and Investment continued by showing Members drone footage of the site and then proceeded to give Members a presentation on the application.

Following lengthy discussion Members were minded to refuse the above-mentioned application contrary to the recommendation of the Director, Prosperity & Development as Members were of the view that the application would be an incongruous and inappropriate development which would have an adverse, detrimental and unacceptable visual impact on the landscape and compromise the visual amenity. Therefore, the matter would be deferred to the next appropriate meeting of the Planning & Development Committee for a report of the Director, Prosperity & Development, if necessary in consultation with the Director, Legal Services, highlighting the potential strengths and weaknesses of making a decision contrary to the recommendation of an officer or any proposed or possible planning reason for such a decision prior to determining a matter.

**(Note:** County Borough Councillor J Williams wished to have recorded that she voted in favour of the motion to refuse the above-mentioned application)

**This meeting closed at 5.15 pm**

**CLLR S REES  
CHAIR.**