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PLANNING PORTAL REF:

Mr David Cross,
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Ref: L0001 3889CA

Date: 7th January 2025

Dear Sir / Madam

Application for the partial discharge of Condition 4 in relation to Planning Permission P/23/0131 at Bishop Hedley High School, Gwaunfarren Road, Penydarren, Merthyr Tydfil, CF47 9AN.

On behalf of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, please find the information to partially discharge planning condition 4 (in relation to Retaining Walls) of planning permission P/23/0131 relating to the *'Demolition of existing school and construction of a new school building within the existing site, including sports facilities and associated landscaping, access and engineering works, temporary staff car park, construction compound and classrooms during construction* at Bishop Hedley High School Gwaunfarren Road Penydarren Merthyr Tydfil CF47 9AN.

Condition 4 requires the following:

"Prior to the construction of any retaining walls which exceeds 1m in height, details, including structural calculations and facing materials, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The retaining walls shall be completed in accordance with the approved details before the development hereby approved is brought into beneficial use."

To support the discharge of this condition, please find enclosed the following information which provides the necessary details:

- BCA-ATK-XX-XX-DR-LA-423082_P03
- BCA-GEO-VX-XX-D-C-1001_BCA – Gabion Wall Drawing_S4 Sustainable for Stage Approval_C01
- BCA-MCF-VX-ZZ-RP-0001_BCA – Maccaferri Gabion wall report_S4 Sustainable for Stage Approval_C01

The applicant is seeking to partially discharge Condition 4 due to recent adverse weather conditions experienced during storm Bert at the end of 2024. During storm Bert the contractors were concerned that they may experience slippage to the land supporting the highway of Galon Uchaf Road. To mitigate this slippage, the project team made the decision to install the Gabion wall earlier in the programme and as such, the installation of this gabion wall has commenced. The gabion wall has been installed as a temporary measure, with the aim of retaining the constructed wall as the permanent solution as originally proposed. The intention was to install the Gabion following submission of all relevant information and following the discharge of Condition 4, however, due to recent weather conditions, the early installation of the gabion wall was essential and unavoidable.

This application solely relates to the installation of the gabion wall on Galon Uchaf Road. All necessary information has been submitted as part of this application to partially discharge the condition. Photographs of the gabion wall in situ have also been submitted for reference. Additional information will be submitted in a separate application in order to discharge the condition in full.

The planning application fee of £115.00 will be paid electronically to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council under separate cover.

I trust the enclosed information is sufficient to allow the prompt registration of the application. If you should have any queries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emma Grant'.

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