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PLANNING PORTAL REF: PP-13176297

Mr David Cross
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Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council,
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CF48 4TQ

Ref: L001

Date: 21st June 2024

Dear David Cross,

NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 96A OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SEEKING AMENDMENTS TO THE APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE P/23/0131 WHICH IS FOR 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.

On behalf of our client, Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd who are acting on behalf of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, please find enclosed completed application form and updated architectural drawings for this Non-Material Amendment ('NMA') application which seeks amendments to the approved planning application under reference P/23/0131.

Payment for the requisite application fee of £115.00 will be paid under a separate cover.

Background

Planning Permission was granted at Bishop Hedley High School on the 20th October 2023 (ref. P/23/0131) for the following:

"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".

All pre-commencement conditions have been discharged and works have commenced on site. This application seeks to regularise some necessary changes which are required due to detailed design developments.

The Non-Material Amendments and Justification

The original consent did not include the erection of fencing within the site, as the rear residential fencing was utilised as the site boundary. The fencing has been proposed in order to screen the temporary contractor's compound, to act as a noise barrier and reduce the visual impact.

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The fencing consists of 3 metre high softwood timber and runs alongside the residential boundaries of Galon Uchaf Road, to the rear of the properties.

Assessment

We consider that the proposed changes contextually represent non-material changes that are not far removed from the details of the consented application.

As such, we seek agreement that the plans and documents listed below supplements the current consent as non-material amendment.

The Submission

The application is supported by the following plans:

- This Covering Letter
- Site Location Plan
- BCA-ATK-XX-XX-DR-LA-423012 P04 Landscape Fencing GA – West Site (Rugby Pitch) – Approved Plan
- BCA-ATK-XX-XX-DR-LA-423012 P05 Landscape Fencing GA – West Site (Rugby Pitch) – Proposed Plan

Conclusion

The amendments are considered appropriate to be dealt with under S96A as non-material amendments. I trust the enclosed information is sufficient to allow the prompt registration of the application. However, should you have any queries or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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

Emma Grant
Planner

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