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To: Planning DC; Cross, David
Subject: FW: Planning application P/20/0024

Hi

Please find attached comments from Gwyn Smith (sustrans) in relation to the above planning application.

I have also had discussions with the applicant and agent and they are aware that they need to apply for a diversion of the Taff trail prior to starting works and the diversion must be completed prior to works commencing on site.

Thanks

Beth

From: Gwyn Smith <gwyn.smith@sustrans.org.uk>

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The Taff Trail, National Cycle Network Route 8 is of national importance and locally very important to Merthyr and we must work to improve its quality and not diminish its value in any way.

The design, from a two dimensional point of view looks OK because it neatly sweeps to the rear of the development keeping the traffic free route clear of any conflict with vehicle movements.

However I do have some concerns if the development makes the route more isolated and needs to be designed to retain the wide open feel it currently has. Is there a wall around the site?

Technically the path needs to be 3m wide (it's a primary route) and there needs to be a 0.5m verge between the path and any vertical surface. These dimensions are set out in the Active Travel act guidance and should be non-negotiable even if the existing path is less than 3m wide. <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2017-09/active-travel-design-guidance.pdf> See DE033, Page 340

Gradients to be less than 5%

The design also needs to think about future maintenance so any planting is important, no spiky hedges or trees that will damage the surface in the future, and slow growing.

During the construction of the site the Taff Trail must remain open at all times and alternative routes provide if required where the surface is to the same standard as the existing path. It's not acceptable for users to have to ride though building site conditions during the construction period. Looking at the plans it appears to be possible to construct the new trail prior to the main development so maybe this could be a condition to planning.

Regards

Gwyn

Gwyn Smith

My pronouns are: he/him,

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Subject: Planning application P/20/0024

Hi all

Please find attached two plans in relation to a planning application for the rear of the Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Centre. This application will affect the existing site of the Taff Trail and will require a diversion application of the Taff Trail.

The proposal is to move the trail on to the grass bank, if you have any comments on this please put them in writing to me as I can include them in pre consultation, I will also place this on the agenda for the trails group on the 26th Feb.

The planning application number is P/20/0024

Kind Regards

Beth

Beth Jones

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