

Dear Councillor,

We as residents that surround the proposed site of the residential development south of Heol Y Glyn (P2020/0195), call on your support and invite you to **object** to the proposed planning application.

As residents, we have long been concerned about the former tipping site proposed for development. The land south of Heol Y Glyn is a historical dumping ground, in which, over the past 80 years has been used to deposit coal ash and building waste amongst other things. In addition to this, residents have reported the burying of chemical waste barrels. Surprisingly, no action or investigation has been undertaken in response to these allegations, which have previously been reported to the council.

Chemical testing from a planning application in 2008 identified the presence of cancer-causing chemicals above the acceptable levels in the soil of the site. The application was withdrawn in 2009 only for the evidence of contamination to be forgotten about by the county council. In 2010 an additional application was made which included no chemical testing. We see this as a disdainful attempt by Cuddy (The previous owner) to by-pass the remediation process. The 2020 application also submits a geo-technical survey which neglects to test consistently at depths lower than 50 cm. The tip itself has a depth of over 10 metres. We believe a more thorough chemical and physical investigation of the site will provide sufficient evidence of contamination.

Having established that the site is host to carcinogenic materials we invite you to consider the effects of supporting such a development. Previous activity by the Cuddy group on the site has led to the formation of large dust clouds in the area. This has frustrated residents and made it impossible to enjoy the comfort of our own gardens. Inhalation of these particles is dangerous without contamination, but the addition of contamination poses an unacceptable risk to residents. The proposed development will require moving large amounts of soil from depths of over 50 cm, this will again, provide a source for large dust clouds. Young families moving into these new properties will be blissfully unaware of the chemicals and carcinogenic material that lie beneath their homes. We invite you to consider the effect this might have on young children playing in the back garden and the potential ramifications in years to come.

Development or no development, this land is not safe. We invite the council to first act by objecting to this proposal. And secondly to call for a comprehensive investigation into the historical dumping of illegal waste at the former Cuddy site. The investigation should be independent, gather first-hand accounts of the burying of chemical waste barrels and it should include a thorough chemical investigation down to the natural ground level at several locations.

By objecting to this application, you will be taking a stand against historical contamination and Cuddy's poisonous disregard for the safety of the community which you serve. You will be protecting future residents of Glynneath from the historical lack of due diligence that allowed illegal dumping to continue for years. And finally, you will send a clear message to residents that you value our safety over anything else.

Yours faithfully,

Residents against contamination.