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Fwd: Heol y Glyn development

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19 April 2023 at 09:36

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From: <alynevans1@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2023, 13:33
Subject: Heol y Glyn development
To: <clerk@glynneathtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Dear Mx Wilcox

I refer to the recent FOI request received on 1 March 2023 in relation to the questions asked of NPTC with regards to the Heol y Glyn development. and I also refer to the response from the NPTC planning officer in relation to those questions as discussed by the Town Council in item 15 in the meeting of March 14. Can you please make a formal response to our organisation Glynneath Residents Against Contamination that you, the Glynneath Town Council are satisfied that the Neath Port Talbot Council planning authority have upheld their responsibilities in relation to the questions you asked, namely:

They have provided you with an update on the exposed contamination with which you are satisfied?

They have provided you with details of its categorisation in accordance with the council's most recent Contaminated Land Strategy with which you are satisfied?

They have provided you with information regarding the toxicological report associated with this with which you are satisfied?

I refer to Mr Richards public question in the same meeting in which he has identified the following legislation that allows the council to further investigate the actions of the local planning authority.

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 gave the power of well-being to community councils enabling a council to "do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of their area." This power is important because the range of activities permitted by this power is extensive providing a community or town council with considerable scope for action."

Can you please confirm that you as Town Council have discharged its' duty of care to the public of Glynneath in relation to this measure and that you are satisfied that the local planning authority have historically followed protocol with regards to contaminated land.

As an organisation, we would like to thank you for your continued support in relation to this matter.

Regards.

Alyn Evans, Glynneath Residents Against Contamination (Treasurer)

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thanks :)

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From: **Clerk Account** <clerk@glynneathtowncouncil.gov.uk>
Date: Fri, 19 May 2023, 13:12
Subject: Re: Heol y Glyn development
To: Alyn Evans <alynevans1@gmail.com>

Dear Mr Evans,

Thank you for your email and questions regarding this matter. I will try and answer your questions as best as possible here and where appropriate, I will add items to the agenda of future meetings to raise any questions which the Council can answer as a body.

In terms of an update from NPTCBC Planning, the authority have provided us with a formal email response which was duly shared with Members and with the public. This will remain a document in our published agenda packs and Minutes which will be kept and retained in perpetuity and if not online, available at archives. This response contained the line: "Additional Site Investigation works need to be completed and should be designed using a revised Conceptual Site Model (CSM) based off the updated Desk Study – the works will need to be broad enough to characterise the whole site and after the Site Investigation is completed the CSM should be refined using the new site data." I do not think it would be fair of us to say that we would be satisfied when NPTCBC advise that additional site investigation works would need to be completed. I would therefore expect any further planning details or amendments to the application to be brought to our attention via NPTCBC as usual and addressed by the Council in a Full Council meeting.

Now that I have had the full application numbers and history from NPT, I will also keep an eye out for this in the applications that come before us.

I would also be advising Members that we would not be able to say that we are satisfied with any current documentation in respect of further applications, amendments, or works to do with these planning applications when the above statement from NPTCBC is advising additional site investigation works. I would expect to see a fully updated response from the applicants to the planning department at that time, but I have been advised that there are no further works to the site at this time.

However, please be assured that I take their last point: "The final Risk Assessment should be detailed enough that our land contamination specialists have enough confidence to know the depth and constituents of the made ground to address any public concerns about the site. Only then can a remediation strategy be designed and implemented." quite seriously and I would expect this to also be made available to our Members for information, distribution and consideration.

I understand your concerns regarding the site and also share the strong expectation that we are all kept informed. I welcome NPTCBC's response documenting what they can expect in terms of further plans and investigation works, and in turn, what we can expect distributed to us as a community. Should I get any update on these or have access to the publications, I will be very sure to bring this to the attention of the Council, no matter when in the future.

As a final note to this email, I appreciate your efforts to aid us in gaining information from NPTCBC regarding this matter. Unfortunately, the Measure that you refer to has not been actionable or usable as a power since the establishment of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, PART 2. There is a new Power: the General Power of Competence. However, we are not eligible for this at the current time but it is my intention to work towards gaining this as soon as possible.

I believe that we would be united in our desire to see a safe, positive, and well-cared-for Glynneath. We would all want to ensure that our community is protected and safeguarded. As I understand the current situation, the land has not been further developed and the planning applications are still awaiting further information and intent from the current developers. I appreciate that we have been predominantly talking about planning applications and planning development. I can certainly understand wanting to safeguard prospective future users of the land. However, could you let me know if you've ever had correspondence from other agencies such as Environmental Health? Should this come back before the Members again, it could be useful information to share.

Again, thank you for your questions and patience with the answers. I do appreciate that this is a major concern for your group. I can assure you that if there's any movement from NPTCBC, either planning, environmental or otherwise, I will bring this to the attention of the Full Council. Please feel free to share this with your group. Mr Richards has sent me a piece of correspondence regarding this, but it would be remiss of me to share this email answer with him myself as you are a private entity.

All the best,

Ceri

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