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Cllr Dan De'ath

Cabinet Member for Transport and Strategic Planning

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Sent by email: [cabinetsupportteam@cardiff.gov]

12 September 2023,

Dear Dan,

We write on behalf of our constituents in Radyr and Morganstown, to register their objections to the inclusion of the Radyr train station car park as a candidate site (60) in the Replacement Local Development Plan.

The proposed site is two separate sites, separated by the station itself. The first site which is north of the station is a narrow piece of land, which appears to be too close to the train tracks for any development. Constituents have raised concerns that developers could seek to push deeper into the site and further north-west, which could potentially de-stabilise the riverbank above. They have stressed the importance of maintaining the riverbank and the potential impact any landslides could have on their community.

Additionally, this land is partially utilised by the local garage as well as by rail replacement coaches to turn around. The usage of this land as a turning point by coaches is significant to constituents, as it highlights the possibility for the integration of the train station with bus services, a local long-term goal for public transport.

The second site which is south of the station is significantly larger, however, it currently houses the train stations car park. Constituents have expressed to us the importance of the car park in their daily commutes and the significant role it plays in allowing residents to access the city centre without a reliance on driving.

The Welsh Government in recent years has invested much time and money into Radyr station and its car park as part of the South Wales Metro. The intention of the Metro and the improvements of the station were to make travelling easier for constituents to travel across the Cardiff Capital Region via an integrated public transport network.

The car park plays a large role in that, especially in suburbs such as Radyr and Morganstown. If the ability to drive to the station and park your car is taken away the

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result could decrease public transport usage at the station, as people choose to drive instead.

Constituents have raised with us that they believe that building on these sites would undermine the purpose of the train station and the mission of the Metro. We agree that to develop on this site could limit the potential of the station as an integrated transport hub in Cardiff West. While the proposed use of the site does state it would be used for *“transit orientated development through the reconfiguration of the car park to deliver transport integration measures”* it also states a *“potential redevelopment for employment / residential uses.”* We don't believe that the site should be redeveloped for any use beyond that benefiting integrated, sustainable transport.

We ask that these factors and the objections raised by our constituents be given due consideration in the Replacement Local Development Plan.

Yours sincerely,



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