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Dear Stuart Griffiths,

Thank you for providing the community councils comments with regard to the proposed construction and operation of inert waste recycling facility, waste processing and associated works at Land at Cilrychen Quarry, Llandeilo Road Industrial Estate.

We have reviewed the comments alongside the developer Dolawen Cyf and offer the responses below to each point raised:

a) What are the proposed hours of work?

Monday to Friday 7:30am – 5:30pm and Saturday 7:30am – 1:00pm

b) More accurate details of vehicular traffic, notably lorries, through the village of Llandybie are required. When the quarry was fully operational, traffic volumes were heavy, with increased levels of dust and noise prevalent.

With regard to the vehicular movements created by the proposal the transport statement prepared by Acstro details transport characteristics. This sets out that the volume of waste material being imported to site and of processed material being exported **will vary from day to day** and be influenced by many factors. These factors include the number and precise stage of construction of projects underway at any one time that produce waste material or have need for the processed crushed material. Due to this variability it is difficult to set out and estimate for the typical daily volume of HGV movements that will be generated by the proposed development. **Some days will see no movement of material whatsoever and will consequently generate no traffic. Other days may see regular deliveries to and from the site. Nevertheless it is anticipated that the traffic movements will be less than those associated with the quarry when it was fully operational.**

Both the Local Highway Authority as well as South Wales Trunk Road Agency have been consulted a part of the process and have raised no objection to the development as set out.

c) The Council are concerned at the level of increased noise and dust to local properties and a neighbouring Care Home.

The operators of the site Dolawen Cyf will be committed to ensuring dust generation is suppressed during operations. All machinery is fitted with dust suppressors and during periods of dry weather, when dust is likely to cause a nuisance, **specific work areas will be 'damped down'**. The spraying of water is the most effective way of suppressing dust.

The proposed layout has considered the potential impact with regard to noise and has located the most noise generating activities away from the site boundary. The area nearest the residential properties to the south eastern boundary will be used for stock piling.

d) What expectation is there in terms of the length of time you expect this site to be operational for? How long are you applying for planning permission?

The proposal is for a full planning application with the associated time limit.

e) Once the stone on the upper level and throughout the site has been cleared, will activity cease on the site? Can you confirm that stone will not be brought in from other quarry sites for crushing?

Once the upper level of stone has been cleared the areas will be landscaped in accordance with a scheme that is currently being developed in preparation for the planning application submission.

There will not be any stone brought in from other quarry sites for crushing. This facility will involve importation of Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste as and when it is available which will be deposited and separated and the resultant screened material will be crushed and stockpiled onto designated areas for re-use within the construction industry locally.

f) What exit strategy do you have and in what condition will you leave the site? The adjoining Gwenlais quarry was successfully turned into a nature reserve and is a wonderful addition as a local amenity for walkers, bikers and provides an important habitat for wildlife.

The proposal comprises a progressive restoration scheme, as stated above, that is currently being developed in preparation for the planning application submission. The site condition as existing is reflecting of its former quarry use.

g) The Council is very concerned at the impact this site will have on the local ecology.

The proposal is supported by an Arboricultural Report and Ecological Appraisal. The Arboricultural Report at section 3.2 identifies the quality of the trees surveyed. A small number of trees are identified to be removed to facilitate the proposed development design. The report concludes that all these trees are low quality that should not present a constraint on developing the site and the proposed works will not cause a long term adverse impact onto the local amenity of the area through tree loss.

Bay Ecology have completed an ecological survey of the site area. This identified the site was comprised of a limited range of habitat types including a steep quarry spoil slope at its northern extent of site, which is covered in scattered scrub, ephemeral/short perennial vegetation and a corridor of broadleaf woodland at its highest point. Overall the areas that will be impacted by any works are of low ecological value and with those of ecological value to be retained primarily relating to site boundaries.

h) There has already been confusion and discontent within the community as the news of this proposal became public on your website. Do you intend communicating directly with residents adjacent to the development and those that are more widely impacted in the local villages especially as regards to traffic, noise, dust and ecology

During the pre-application consultation notices were issued to the following members of the public in the surrounding area:

Add1	Add2	Add3	Add4	Add5
Owner/Occupier	7A Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Owner/Occupier	7B Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD

Owner/Occupier	66 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Owner/Occupier	68 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Owner/Occupier	70 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Owner/Occupier	72 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Owner/Occupier	76 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Owner/Occupier	78 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Owner/Occupier	94 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Pant Yr Odyn	96 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Catref Croeso	98 Llandeilo Road	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Owner/Occupier	Brynhyfyd Farm	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JD
Felin Wen	Penpound Lane	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JF
Owner/Occupier	1 Pen Pound Lane	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JF
Owner/Occupier	2 Pen Pound Lane	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JF
Owner/Occupier	3 Pen Pound Lane	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JF
Owner/Occupier	4 Pen Pound Lane	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JF
Owner/Occupier	5 Pen Pound Lane	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JF
Owner/Occupier	6 Pen Pound Lane	Llandybie	Ammanford	SA18 3JF
Breedon Aggregates	Cilyrychen Quarry	Llandybie	SA18 3JB	
Tarmac	Llandybie Concrete Plant	Llandybie	SA18 3JB	
Full Metal Airsoft	Cilyrychen Quarry	Llandybie	SA18 3JG	
Enid Jones	Gwndwn,	Golden Grove,	Carmarthen,	SA32 8LX

The following community and specialist consultees were consulted:

Add 1	Add 2	Add 3
Local Member	Cllr. Anthony Davies	AntDavies@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Local Member	Cllr. Dai Nicholas	DNicholas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
Llandybie Community Council	Clerk Stuart Griffith	Info@llandybiecc.wales
Trunk Road Agency		LGC_Development_Control-South@gov.wales
Local Highway Authority		technicalservices@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
The Coal Authority		planningconsultation@coal.gov.uk
Natural Resources Body for Wales		swplanning@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk
Cadw		cadwplanning@gov.wales
The Canal and River Trust		NationalPlanning.function@canalrivertrust.org.uk
The water and sewerage undertaken concerned		developer.services@dwrcymru.com
Archaeological Trust		info@dyfedarchaeology.org.uk

In terms of the members of the public consulted these were over and above the legislative requirements of the statutory pre-application consultation which only requires those directly adjoining to be consulted.

Further consultation will take place via the LPA who will invite members of the public, community and specialist consultees to comment when a planning application is submitted.

Finally the site operator is welcoming to communication with the public via the community council and local members who have already been contacted with regard to the proposal. This will ensure a consistent level of communication.

These comments will be included within the PAC report being produced alongside the comments and responses to all received.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Bowen', written in a cursive style.

Richard Bowen
Director