



Radyr & Morganstown Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Radur a Threforgan

Agenda Item 16

Meeting: Full Council
19 January 2023

Report Author: Clerk to the Council

Replacement Local Development Plan

Introduction

1. This report provides an update on the work of the Radyr & Morganstown Local Development Plan Group.

Key Issues: Information prepared by Radyr and Morganstown Local Development Group December 2022

2. At its meeting on 29 September, the Radyr & Morganstown Community Council (RMCC) approved a grant of £1,500 to the Radyr & Morganstown Local Development Group (RMLDG) towards the costs of producing three press releases and a second (bi-lingual) leaflet, to be distributed to all local residents. The aim of this report is to update the RMCC of the work we have done since September.
3. Two press releases have been produced by Nerys Lloyd-Pierce, copies of which are attached. These featured in both the South Wales Echo and Western Mail and Wales Online. An interview in Welsh with Newyddion was also arranged for 23 November in which Allan Cook kindly took part. A letter written about the lack of green space in Cardiff City Centre was also published in the local press - a copy is attached. The leaflet has not yet been produced. Payment totaling £700 has been made, via the RMA, to Nerys Lloyd-Pierce in respect of her work to date.
4. We have also kept R&M residents informed of progress via reports in Radyr Chain, our website, and our Facebook page (Radyr and Morganstown Local Development Group), We continue to encourage people to contact our local representatives to make them aware of our concerns.
5. A key feature of the press releases was that the results of the 2021 Census showed that the 2018 projections of population and households for Cardiff were too high and that, in reality the current Local Development Plan (LDP) provided enough land to house the household growth to 2035.

6. Our local Councillors - Calum Davies and Helen Lloyd Jones - arranged a visit by Huw Thomas, Leader of Cardiff County Council on 21 September and one of our group walked across the Pant Tawel Lane site with him and Simon Gilbert, Head of Planning.
7. A meeting with Simon Gilbert and Stuart Williams, Head of the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) team was held on 27 October in which it was learned that:
 - The Council did not accept our interpretation of the Census figures and the Draft Strategy for the RLDP will propose “a further 5,000 to 7,000 houses” although “**most** of these are likely to be in the Central Zone” where planning applications for additional 3,000 houses over and above the LDP allocation have already been received.
 - This Draft Strategy will be presented to Cardiff Council on 18 January 2023 and there will be a 10-week consultation period, into April 2023.
 - Examination on the Candidate Sites submitted by developers will take place in the first half of 2023. This is an important part of the RLDP process.
 - Plasdŵr is unlikely to be completed before 2035; this is the same position with many of the other strategic sites in the current LDP.
8. Contact has been made with the Assembly Members for our area, Mark Drakeford, Andrew RT Davies and Rhys ab Owen and meetings will be arranged with the latter two in the New Year. All are opposed to any further development in Northwest Cardiff. We are submitting questions to MSs on a variety of issues relating to the further development of NW Cardiff.
9. The Draft Strategy is unlikely to identify specific sites for development; this will be done in the draft Deposited Plan which will be open for consultation in late 2023.
10. We have contacted the Welsh Government and it appears that the population and household projections for local authorities will not be re-based until late 2023. From our communications, it would appear that there is some confusion within Welsh Government about the role of Future Wales in assigning house building targets within SE Wales. We aim to expose this confusion.
11. Our focus in the consultation on the strategy will focus on:
 - The lack of alignment of Cardiff’s continual striving for growth with the regional strategy for SE Wales in Future Wales, which is to spread growth around Cardiff, Newport and the Valleys.
 - The inadequate transport infrastructure in Northwest Cardiff for the existing committed development let alone any further housing growth.
 - Environmental pollution arising from any further development.
 - Further loss of green spaces and the lack of coherence with the Fairer, Stronger, Greener aims of Cardiff Council.
12. We are committed to continue to argue against Cardiff Council’s plans for additional growth in NW Cardiff. One of our team was a Chartered Town Planner from 1974 to 1989 and was a Principal Planning Officer In Cardiff City Council before a change of

career. He is in constant contact with Planning Aid Wales and planning consultancies to keep abreast of changes in planning policies.

13. We thank the RMCC for their support to date and we trust the Council will continue to support our efforts.

Financial Implications

14. None at this stage. Any expenditure would come from approved resources.. The Council has awarded finance to support this work.

Links to Corporate Objectives

15. The Council's Annual Report confirms that the Council's objectives include delivering:

A Prosperous Community. A Resilient Community. A Healthier Community.
A More Equal Community. A Cohesive Community. A Community of Vibrant Culture & Thriving Welsh Language. A Globally Responsive Community.

16. The issues described in this report will help the Council deliver these Wales-wide sustainability goals.

Staffing Implications

17. N/A at this stage.
18. The Council's limited staff resources may bring the need to work in partnership with other bodies to deliver these objectives.

Risk Management Implications

19. Key risks relating to Council services etc. are addressed in the [Risk Register](#).

Legal Implications

20. The Council will need to be satisfied that has the legal powers to deliver the objectives described.

Recommendation

21. It is **recommended** that;
 - (1) report is noted.
 - (2) a further report is submitted on the content of the RLDP Strategy and proposals to respond.
 - (3) a further report is submitted on any further support which the Council may provide.

