

Local Infrastructure Idea Lists: Radyr and Morganstown

Introduction

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council was invited by Cardiff Council to submit ideas for local infrastructure ideas which could be funded through Section 106 agreements, or by other means.

The attached spreadsheet lists a variety of infrastructure ideas, accordingly. These were suggested by community councillors, the Radyr and Morganstown Association and the public (via our online survey: <https://www.radyrandmorganstown.org/news/new-money-for-radyr-and-morganstown>).

Section 106 Legal and other tests

a) Highways

These ideas are all linked to making our community safer, especially with regard to managing traffic - which is likely to increase by a very significant amount, as the Plasdwr development continues to grow, building 6,000 new homes on our doorstep. In our view, the highway proposals set out in the spreadsheet are:

- necessary to make the Plasdwr development acceptable in planning terms
- directly related to the development of Plasdwr
- fairly and reasonable related in scale and kind to the development

The highway works will help meet the demands that Plasdwr is likely to place on our community by:

- controlling the speed of traffic
- removing access to roads which are unsafe
- improving road safety (including at dangerous junctions)
- providing more safe places to cross the main road (at a time when traffic volume is likely to increase)
- improving the safety of pedestrians, and
- ensuring the safety of schoolchildren as they travel to and from our schools.

Some of the ideas are designed to encourage active travel (and to make active travel safer). Again, this is aimed at reducing the impact of traffic on our community, by encouraging people to walk or cycle, rather than drive.

b) Improving public spaces and community facilities

These ideas are linked to making sure that Radyr and Morganstown can retain its strong sense of community spirit, as the area is surrounded by new housing developments. They are also designed to ensure that we have the facilities we will require to enable people (including our new neighbours at Plasdwr) to enjoy living here. For instance, 6,000 new homes can lead to increasing demand for good community halls, sports facilities, playgrounds and parks. It is important to ensure that our community, and the new communities being built, do not become little more than dormitories. We want them to be vibrant places, where people can live great lives.

In our view, therefore, the public spaces proposals set out in the spreadsheet are:

- necessary to make the Plasdwr development acceptable in planning terms
- directly related to the development of Plasdwr
- fairly and reasonable related in scale and kind to the development.

[NB: Some of the ideas submitted by the public (including via the RMA) dealt with issues that require revenue funding, or the development of new services or events, rather than infrastructure and capital costs. These have not been included in our spreadsheet. Even so, R&MCC was pleased to receive the ideas - and will consider them further, as appropriate].

Background Information

The spreadsheet enables ideas to be ordered by Cardiff Council's categories (improving public spaces, local highway improvements and community facilities); by the priority attached to them (by R&MCC, whilst having regard to the community's views) - or by estimated cost (high, intermediate or low¹). This enables the viewer to quickly identify, for instance, ideas given the highest priority or, if funds are limited at a given time, ideas with a low or intermediate cost.

Our **online survey** revealed that the public's priority order was as follows: local highway improvements, improving public spaces, then community facilities.

The survey also revealed that the community sees the following groups as the top four priorities. They are, in order: children, pedestrians & cyclists, young families, teenagers.

54% of our online respondents were between the ages of 30 and 50. Also, 54% of respondents were female.

Funding Sources and next steps

We note that Caro Wild's invitation for us to submit ideas for Cardiff Council's infrastructure idea lists referred to the possibility of funding these projects via Section 106 money **and** via Cardiff's mainstream funds². As such, we look forward to working with Cardiff Council to develop as many of these ideas as possible, using both Section 106 and other monies.

R&MCC has published this list and may add ideas if any come to light over the coming months and years.

We are also keen liaise with residents associations across Radyr and Morganstown, to better understand how we can work with them for the benefit of all who live here.

*Radyr and Morganstown Community Council
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¹ For the purposes of the spreadsheet, the cost ranges are as follows: high = £500k and above; intermediate = £100k to £500k; low = under £100k.

² 'Whilst looking primarily at ideas that may potentially be funded through Section 106 (S106) developer contributions, the lists will also help to inform other work that is undertaken by the Council's service areas and help to provide a more co-ordinated process for dialogue and engagement': Caro Wild: 26 June 2019