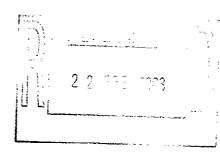
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Dea Val

Thank you for your letter dated 24 January 2008, regarding a petition opposing the development of the Miners' Welfare ground at Ty Du, Nelson, which forms part of the Ty-Du site comprising some 16 hectares (40 Acres).

The Miners Welfare Ground and the surrounding Ty-Du site is now in the ownership of the Welsh Assembly Government. A planning application for the site has been submitted to Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) and the application is likely to come before the Council's planning committee in April.

I am also aware of the concern expressed by some members of the community and a meeting has taken place between my officials and Town Councillor Mrs Anne Blackman.

As a result, I have asked my officials to formally write to the Town Council to offer regular meetings to keep the Town Council informed of progress and to look at ways to work together for the benefit of the community should the planning application be successful.

I am content that all statutory obligations have been undertaken and we must now wait for CCBC to determine the planning application.

The planning decision does not lie with me, but I will ask my officials to keep you informed when CCBC determine the application.

Jena.

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