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Dear Mr Robinson,

#### **PLANNING (WALES) ACT 2015**

#### **YSGOL GYMRAEG BRO MORGANNWG**

#### **THE ERECTION OF EXTENSIONS TO THE SCHOOL FOR A NEW SPORTS BLOCK; DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY BLOCK; NEW RECEPTION AREA; CREATION OF NEW PLANT ROOM; NEW MUGA AND 3G ALL WEATHER PITCH; THE CREATION OF A NEW COACH DROP OFF / PICK UP AREA**

I write on behalf of ISG Construction, to submit a planning application for extensions to the above existing school. The Vale of Glamorgan has appointed ISG Construction for the delivery of the extensions to Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Band B programme.

#### Proposed Development

The application is seeking permission for the erection of extensions and refurbishment of the comprehensive element of the wider school campus; this will include:

- the erection of a new 3 storey teaching block
- the erection of a design and technology block;
- the erection of a new sports hall;
- the erection of a new reception /entrance area;
- creation of new plant room;
- the provision of a new MUGA pitch area;
- the provision of a new 3G all weather sports pitch;
- the creation of a new coach drop off / pick up area.

There is a requirement to meet the BB98 Design Code and the Education Design Advice to ensure that the school meets modern standards.

Planning application

The documents within the table below comprise the planning application:

Item	Description	Author
1	Planning application forms (with completed ownership certificates)	KEW Planning
2	<p><b>Existing Floorplans:</b></p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-XX-DR-A- 0900 Rev P2 Site Location plan</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-B1-DR-A-0001 REV P2 Existing lower ground floorplan</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-00-DR-A-0002 REV P2 Existing ground floor plan</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-01-DR-A-0003 REV P2 Existing first floor plan</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-RF-DR-A-0004 REV P2 Existing roof plan</p> <p><b>Proposed Floorplans:</b></p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-B1-DR-A-0200 REV P4 Proposed lower ground floor plan</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-00-DR-A-0201 REV P4 Proposed ground floor pan</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-01-DR-A-0202 REV P4 Proposed first floor plan</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-RF-DR-A-0203 REV P3 Proposed roof floor plan</p> <p>YBM-ASL-10-ZZ-DR-A-0251 REV P4 Proposed entrance block elevations</p> <p>YBM-ASL-20-ZZ-DR-A-0252 REV P5 Proposed circulation block elevations</p> <p>YBM-ASL-30-ZZ-DR-A-0253 REV P5 Proposed sports, IT &amp; business block elevations sheet 1</p> <p>YBM-ASL-30-ZZ-DR-A-0254 REV P5 Proposed sports, IT &amp; business block elevations sheet 2</p> <p>YBM-ASL-40-ZZ-DR-A-0256 REV P4 Proposed DT block elevations</p>	Austin Smith Lord Architects

	<p><b>Existing Elevations:</b></p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-DR-A-0257 REV P2 Alterations to existing teaching block elevations</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-DR-A-0258 REV P2 Alterations to existing DT block elevations</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-DR-A-0918 REV P2 Existing site elevations</p> <p><b>Proposed Elevations:</b></p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-DR-A-0928 REV P2 Proposed site elevations</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-DR-A-0929 REV P2 Overhead view from the south east</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-DR-A-0930 REV P2 Overhead view from south west</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-DR-L-0900 REV P6 External works general arrangement – whole site (<b>with landscaping</b>)</p> <p>YBM-ASL-00-ZZ-M3-A-0925 REV P1 Proposed site sections</p>	
3	Planning, Design and Access Statement	KEW Planning
4	Pre-Application Consultation	KEW Planning
5	Transport Assessment	AECOM
6	Draft Travel Plan	AECOM
7	Sustainability BREEAM Pre-Assessment Rev A and Part L2A Compliance Assessment Rev A	Hoare Lea
8	Environmental Noise Assessment	MACH Acoustics
9	Flood Consequence Assessment	AECOM
10	Civil & Structural Engineering Services Stage 3 report (Includes Drainage Strategy)	Shear Design
11	Arboricultural Report (inc. Tree Survey Data & Tree Constraints Plan)	ArbTS
12	Preliminary Ecological Assessment & BREEAM Ecology Report	AECOM

13	Bat Activity Survey Report	AECOM
14	Bat Roosting Survey Report	AECOM
15	All-Weather pitch flood lighting Rev 1	Hoare Lea
16	Planning application fee of £15,200 made payable to Vale of Glamorgan Council	VOG

### Background

The establishment of mixed-sex secondary school provision in Barry has been debated since public consultation was undertaken in 2013 to determine the extent of local support for co-education. In March 2014, the Council's Cabinet considered a report addressing the projected shortfall in the number of Welsh medium Secondary School places by September 2020 and requested work to be carried out to ensure there would be future accommodation. Despite an initially separate approach to co-education and Welsh medium expansion, it became evident a coordinated approach was necessary and resulted in the creation of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Programme.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools is a unique collaboration between Welsh Government; the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA); Local Authorities; colleges and diocesan authorities. The programme was launched in March 2010 to address the projected shortfall in the number of English and Welsh medium Secondary School places by September 2020. Band A of the programme for the transformation and enhancement of a number of schools was approved by Welsh Government in December 2012 and will conclude in 2019. Following this, a comprehensive community engagement strategy was devised and implemented for Band B, the second wave of investment to address investment objectives for:

- growth in demand for Welsh medium education;
- reductions of surplus capacity and inefficiency in the system;
- expansion of schools in areas of increased demand for educational services;
- improved condition of educational assets; and
- making assets available for community use where demand exists.

### Proposals

In August 2018, the Welsh Government approved the outline case for the Band B project 'Transforming English and Welsh Medium Education in Barry.' This Schools Investment and Reorganisation Programme will involve re-organisation of Secondary Schools in Barry to create the 'Barry Secondary Learning Community' (BSLC) involving:

- i. Full refurbishment and extension of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg; and
- ii. Building of the new Whitmore High School.
- iii. Building of the new Pencoedtre High School.

The revised scheme at Pencoedtre High School will involve the creation of a 900 pupil + 200 6<sup>th</sup> form secondary school, on the site of the existing Pencoedtre High School. The existing school is to be demolished in its entirety, but remain in use during construction of the new school.

Prior to commencement of these projects, the following groups will be consulted according to the community engagement strategy:

- Staff and governors;
- Parents and pupils;
- Community and Town Councils;

- Local Councillors, Ministers and AM's/MP's;
- Neighbouring Primary and Secondary Schools;
- Directors of Education and Central South Consortium Joint Education Service; and
- Vale of Glamorgan Youth Forum and Youth Cabinet.

Amalgamation of Secondary School education in the new BSLC, allows a shared vision and leadership whilst minimising the number of transitions between schools; maximise the benefits of continuous transition; and offer greater potential to improve levels of achievement for all pupils.

The programme demonstrates the Council's approach to sustainable development, contributing to The Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to address social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing. Education is a key contributor to improving these with high standards of modern learning environments, supporting pupils to achieve their best potential. The programme takes a long-term view of need, considering projected growth and Welsh Language Strategy. Furthermore, creation of two new mixed-sex schools to replace aging single-sex schools shows a collaborative and inclusive approach aligning well with the Well-being Act's key objectives.

The programme is also reflective of commitments in the Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP), ensuring demand for Welsh medium education is met in the long-term to contribute towards the Welsh Government's target of 1 million Welsh speakers by 2050. Furthermore, the Council have committed to part of the Corporate Plan 2016-2020 with a vision of achieving 'Strong Communities with a Bright Future' which is reflective of the Well-being of Future Generation's Act. Outcome 3 'An Aspirational and Culturally Vibrant Vale' offers objectives contributing to the 21st Century Schools programme; specifically, by raising achievement.

### Scheme Benefits

The proposed refurbishment and extensions to the existing school would deliver improved modern teaching facilities, that allow the school to increase its capacity in the number of pupils over the next 10 plus years, and also enhance the teaching and learning experience for staff and pupils.

The proposed development is within the curtilage of the existing school campus. The amenity of neighbouring occupiers is protected through the careful consideration of layout and design of the development.

The improvements to the coach drop off / pick up area promote sustainable methods of transport, seeking to reduce the number of individual private trips, to mitigate against the impact on the capacity of the highway network.

The new 3G sports pitch is a facility which is to be utilised by the entire local community, delivering wider social benefits than simply just the pupils of the school.

The new teaching blocks (the sports hall and 3 storey teaching block) are to be built to BREEAM Excellent code, creating the most sustainable and energy efficient buildings to protect the environment for future generations.

Overall, the proposed refurbishments and extensions would have an extremely positive impact for existing and future pupils, as well as the wider community in social, economic and environmental ways.

If you require clarification or any further information to allow for the validation of the planning application, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Williams', written over a light grey dotted background.

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