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From: Mair Sheen
Sent: 17 July 2012 16:46
To: Jeanette John
Cc: Steve Jones
Subject: LDP
Importance: High

Hi Jeanette – I am hoping that you can advise me in regard to the response as made by BGCBC and in particular the statement that “SBCF have confirmed that they have no firm proposals to develop the site therefore the Council consider that the site....”

I feel that this is totally unfair and taken out of context – I have included my email to BGCBC when they requested information from CF which clearly states that “

Whilst Communities First has previously undertaken community consultation and has been involved within the LDP process in regard to the site, this has been about the whole site not the middle plateau in isolation.

Communities First would wish to propose that all options with full plans are developed utilising previous community consultation and then full community consultation be carried out to support the community to make informed decisions.

Communities First would fully support this process and would welcome the opportunity to work with BGCBC to develop and deliver such consultation.

Email as received by Mair Sheen:

We are now considering the Matters Arising from the Examination. One issue is should the middle platform be identified for tourism use. Can you provide us with firm proposals which set out plans for the area - together with funding. I need these by Friday noon as our changes have to be with the Inspector by 16th July.

Hope this is alright!

Email response by Mair Sheen:

Hi Lynda,

Thank you for your email.

I am sorry but I am unable to provide you with firm proposals or funding information as requested for the middle plateau.

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Communities First feels that it is important that the middle plateau is not seen as an isolated area and that the full development of the site be consulted upon which would not only support community involvement but the planning and development process to ensure that planning and development of the site is undertaken in an holistic manner.

I am sorry that this response has not been able to furnish you with the information as requested. However, I do hope that our positive and successful partnership working can be further demonstrated to support community involvement and the successful regeneration / redevelopment of the former colliery site as a whole.

I am requesting that this matter is raised with the Inspector. I am very disappointed that my email has been taken out of context, the reason Communities First is requesting that the whole site is assessed is due to the fact that the middle plateau requires access and this can not be determined as a stand alone area.

I am requesting that full community consultation is undertaken with all of the options including the plans as presented by BGCBC throughout the LDP process so that the community can make an informed decision about a site which they clearly feel strongly about.

I would wish to outline that my role as the Six Bells Communities Coordinator is to support the community to have a voice within this process. I would wish to propose that full community consultation is carried out, Communities First is more than willing to support this, to ensure that the community is fully aware of all proposals as outlined by BGCBC.

I will be attending the hearing today.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

**Mair Sheen.
Six Bells Communities First Coordinator.**