

## Supporting Information provided by the petitioner

### **Petition to List Stradey Park**

The petition to list Stradey Park was inspired by calls that *“something should be done”* to protect the heritage at this world famous location. It is significant that these calls have continued after the Scarlets have moved across Llanelli to their new stadium. Stradey Park is clearly more than just a place where rugby was watched - it is part of local culture and national heritage.

A cultural icon can be defined as anything that is readily recognised, and generally represents an object or concept with great cultural significance to a wide cultural group. It may come to be regarded as having a special status as particularly representative of a particular group of people or a period in history.

Stradey Park is synonymous with the support of a Welsh community for its rugby club in the 20<sup>th</sup> century – it is undoubtedly a cultural icon.

Stradey Park has gained worldwide fame, not only for the exploits of the players who took to the famous turf, but also for the fervent support supplied by those who crammed into the stands and terraces surrounding it during the matches, and at half-time and full-time onto the pitch itself.

That support became world renown as typically Welsh, an image strengthened by songs celebrating famous victories at Stradey, such as the Max Boyce song “9-3” about the support of the community at Stradey for the 1972 victory over the All Blacks – the last by any club side in the world. “All roads led to Stradey Park”, “The day the pubs ran dry” and “I was there” all conjure up images of Stradey Park on that day and Llanelli captain Delme Thomas being carried off the pitch by fellow players, surrounded by thousands of supporters.

Stradey Park invokes images of Welsh working men completing a shift in the tinplate works, docks or mines before playing a match in front of thousands of fellow workers of Tinopolis. The famous “sosbans” that were placed on the Stradey posts were a direct reference to Llanelli’s main export – Tinplate - and in particular the “Stamping” Works located less than a mile from Stradey Park where saucepans were made and exported worldwide.

Stradey Park has always been known as the “most Welsh” of Welsh grounds, not least for its Welsh language scoreboard and Welsh language singing on the terraces. “Sosban Fach” is known throughout the world after it was adopted and sung by supporters due to the “sosbans” on posts. A gymanfa ganu was held in 1972, before the All Blacks game.

Typical of a rugby ground being at the heart of a Welsh community, Stradey Park has seen many non-rugby events including hosting several other sports and annual Guy Fawkes night fireworks displays.

On 15th November 2007 the funeral of Ray Gravell was held on the Stradey Park pitch. This unique event in Welsh history – described by some in the press as “a Welsh state funeral” - was attended by 6000 mourners including leading figures in Welsh political, sporting and cultural life, with many

thousands of people lining the streets outside. Images of the coffin standing on the pitch, flanked by the Eisteddfod sword bearer and the assembled tribute makers were broadcast live on S4C.

There is no doubt that Stradey Park is of great cultural and historical significance to Wales. It was a modern day battle field and particularly representative of the Welsh passion for rugby in the 20th century. The petition has achieved in excess of 3500 signatures made more significant because this was a heritage petition not a rugby petition. The petition was collected on shop counters throughout Carmarthenshire and even without much publicity it has attracted signatures because people believe that the Stradey Park pitch should be saved to mark the location and its heritage.

Although the petition is named "List Stradey Park", and there are many that would like to see the whole stadium saved, it is generally accepted that listing Stradey Park would mean listing the Stradey Park pitch and retaining it as open space within any development. This modern day battlefield is what makes it unique because of the events that have taken place on it, obviously rugby successes and the momentous Ray Gravell "state funeral", but also the famous Stradey Park half-time and full-time pitch invasions where families would play where their heroes had just played.

To list a sports pitch would probably require a new listing category or an amendment to an existing category. As tourism becomes ever more important in Wales, key locations of modern Welsh heritage such as Stradey Park need to be protected, so the need for the National Assembly to direct Cadw to create or adapt a listing category for sports pitches is evident.

Once a location like Stradey Park is lost under a development it becomes almost worthless. Perhaps a few tourists may be attracted to read an interpretive panel or blue plaque near the site, but the benefit to the local economy would be negligible. Places like Stradey Park need to be preserved to allow them to be marketed as tourist locations of modern Welsh heritage for the 21st century. Tourists want to be able to take to the pitch, not just read about it.

As well as the 3500+ signatures and a Facebook group of over 520 members, several local organisations including Llanelli Town Council and Llanelli Rural Council support the aims of the petition to protect the Stradey Park pitch. However none of these groups has the power to deliver that protection.

The petition has received international support, as well as support from other parts of Wales and the UK showing clearly that Stradey Park is of national importance. Locally, the petition has also received the support of former Llanelli, Wales and Lions greats such as Delme Thomas and Phil Bennett.

A website supporting the petition can be found at [www.stradeyparkpetition.co.uk](http://www.stradeyparkpetition.co.uk). Further information to support a listing, from the kind provision in 1879 of land within its boundary walls by the Stradey Estate, through to the closure of the ground in October 2008, can be supplied.

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24 May 2010

*Dear Christine,*

Thank you for your letter of 4 May seeking my comments on the petition by Mr Vaughan Jones to list the playing surface of Stradey Park, Llanelli to safeguard it from development. There can be few who do not know of Stradey or of the place it occupied in the affection of many so I can understand the support shown for its cultural significance to be marked in some way.

The site, as you will know, has been sold and, following a decision in 2007 to call-in the planning application, the Welsh Assembly Government granted outline planning permission for the redevelopment of the area for housing. The local planning authority will soon be considering a detailed application in respect of the reserved matters which I understand provides for a small area to be set aside within the development as a memorial garden.

The petitioners' focus is centred on protecting the pitch rather than the built structures around it and proposes that the playing surface should be listed using powers – the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 – which provide the means to list *buildings* of special architectural or historic interest. The petition recognises that items which are not built structures in the conventional sense cannot be listed but suggests that existing guidelines should be changed to permit this.

Introducing a provision to permit the listing of items which are not buildings would require primary legislation and I cannot see how extending statutory planning controls in the way suggested would work in the case of items without a built component. Listing is not a preservation order but a mechanism to provide the planning authority with guidance on the special interest of the designated asset and introduces a requirement that listed building consent is applied for in the case of works affecting its character. This is separate from and additional to planning permission, which is required where development is proposed and which, in the case of Stradey, already exists in outline.

My officials in Cadw have considered whether as an alternative to statutory designation as a listed building, there is another mechanism which would help to identify the significance of

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the site so that its potential wider cultural significance can be recognised and taken into account by the Council and the developer as the final plans for the site are considered. One possible option which may present itself would be for Cadw to evaluate the site as a candidate for possible inclusion in the non-statutory Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. Again, this would not imply preservation of the pitch; inclusion on the Register would simply help inform the planning authority's assessment of development affecting such culturally significant areas, although the value of this would be limited in the case of Stradey given the outline consent which already exists.

No historic sporting grounds are currently included on the Register in their own right and Cadw has yet to devise specific criteria to help inform an evaluation of the potential of grounds such as Stradey and others for possible inclusion. Such an assessment of Stradey cannot be undertaken before the local authority considers the reserved matters under the planning consent but my officials have confirmed to the planning authority's officers the ground's undoubted local - and doubtless wider - historic interest. It would of course be open to the Council to defer consideration of the planning application to permit Cadw to undertake a full assessment if that was thought helpful or to permit the authority to examine the scope for voluntary changes to the current proposals to set aside all of the pitch from the area to be developed. The Council has however indicated that, unless the site were to be included on the Register, there is currently no basis for the authority to reconsider the historic importance of the site which, it advises, was examined as part of the approved outline application.

I hope this is helpful.

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**Alun Ffred Jones AC/AM**

Y Gweinidog dros Dreftadaeth/Minister for Heritage

## Supporting information provided by the petitioner #2

Hi Gareth,

I'd like to thank you, Naomi and Andrew for coming to meet me last week and helping me along the way in getting this far with the petition. I hope the contents of the submission box were OK.

I've seen the Senedd TV coverage of yesterday's meeting and I feel I may have failed to get the message across about what I am trying to achieve.

Although many people would like to see the whole stadium protected I doubt that the stands warrant listed building status (although I am happy to be proved wrong). Due to that, what I have been trying to achieve since 2005 is to have the pitch recognised by Cadw, as it is the pitch that is the main focus of Stradey's fame. In 2005 I made contact with Cadw and an officer agreed that Stradey Park had the history that warranted recognition – probably as part of the "Historic Parks and Gardens" Register - but that the pitch did not meet the criteria as they currently stood. The Cadw officer mentioned that it is possible that the criteria may be amended in the future, but suggested that at that time I should contact Carmarthenshire County Council and make an application for the pitch to be made a Conservation Area. This I did, with support from Llanelli Town Council, but it was promptly refused by the County. It was clear that the County Council would not consider protection of the pitch due to the heavy reliance on the sale of the Stradey Park site to finance the new stadium, so I decided not to pursue it any further at that time.

The reason for this petition goes back to that contact with Cadw in 2005 and the suggestion that Stradey Park should be added to the register of Historic Parks and Gardens. As Cadw are unlikely to start that process themselves, the best course of action I could think of was to petition the Minister for Heritage to direct Cadw to change their listing criteria.

I am not sure that I have worded the petition very well as it would appear that the word "listing" might be confusing the issue. I probably should have said "amend the criteria of Historic Parks and Gardens to allow Stradey Park to be added to that register", but that would have caused a lot of confusion to those signing it, as many people have never heard of the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens. The word "listing" was used as a generic term referring to Cadw recognition and protection, in this case either adding it to the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens or creating a new category for such pitches.

This is outlined in this extract from my 1000 word submission:-

*To list a sports pitch would probably require a new listing category or an amendment to an existing category. As tourism becomes ever more important in Wales, key locations of modern Welsh heritage such as Stradey Park need to be protected, so the need for the National Assembly to direct Cadw to create or adapt a listing category for sports pitches is evident.*

I am familiar with the Vulcan petition which was mentioned at the Petitions Committee meeting, but the Vulcan is obviously a building and Stradey concerns an area of land. I can't see that the findings of the Vulcan report will be particularly relevant.

I can see that Stradey Park, just as the Vulcan, could be considered a "local matter" which should be afforded local protection. However, the Council have confirmed that they do not hold a "List of Buildings and Places of Local Interest", as exists in other towns and cities. In Llanelli if a building or area does not have Cadw protection then it has no protection. Perhaps the Assembly should compel all local authorities to draw up such a list?

Although there is obvious support locally to retain the pitch and it is an emotive subject, the pitch is known worldwide, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere. Stradey is synonymous with the image of Welsh Club Rugby in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and due to this worldwide significance it requires Cadw recognition.

My concern, obviously, is that the Minister for Heritage will look at the Stradey Stadium, decide that the stands do not warrant listing and write back to the Committee without understanding the aims of the petition.

Thanks again for arranging the presentation of the petition last week and please get in touch if you need any more information.

***Vaughan***

**Jane Davidson AC/AM**

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30 June 2010

*Dear Christine,*

I am writing in reply to your letter of 21 June about a petition calling for listed status to be granted to Stradey Park, Llanelli and in which you seek my views on whether local listing should be a material consideration in planning decisions.

It is open to local planning authorities to draw up a list, or lists, of buildings and places they consider to be of local interest and to adopt a policy which would indicate that, for example, special regard should be had to the preservation of buildings or places included in such lists where they are the subject of, or affected by, applications for planning permission.

In that way inclusion in a local list and the consequent need to take into account the policy related to the list would be a material consideration in the determination of an applicable planning application. That consideration would have to be weighed in the balance with all the other material considerations relevant to the planning application, however, and it would be for the decision maker as to what weight should be attached to each of those considerations.

*Yours,*

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**Jane Davidson AM**

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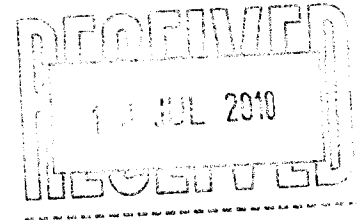
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8th July 2010

Dear Christine,

Thank you for your further letter and enclosure of 21 June in connection with the Committee's examination of a petition calling for the pitch at Stradey Park, Llanelli to be designated as an historic asset. I have also seen Jane Davidson's reply to the Committee's question about the significance of local listing in the planning context.

I recognise the Committee's concern to ensure that the importance of Wales' sporting heritage is properly identified and protected. Buildings or sites with special architectural, archaeological or historic interest can be statutorily designated and a number with sporting connections have been listed or scheduled as ancient monuments.

The principles of selection which Cadw applies in assessing sites for inclusion on the non-statutory Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest already encompass places of recreation. This would extend to sporting venues, although no specific criteria for making stand-alone assessments of sports grounds has been compiled nor any sites evaluated. In the case of sporting grounds which are already registered, such as the rugby pitch at Pontypool, these have been included on account of their location within a larger recognised historic asset such as, in that instance, Pontypool Park.

Cadw is considering how the sporting heritage of Wales could be more readily recognised. This consideration includes, but is not confined to, an examination of possible criteria tailored to sites such as Stradey. My officials will take this work forward in consultation with relevant interested parties.

Local planning authorities have a statutory duty to designate conservation areas and may compile lists of buildings of local interest which would be a material consideration in any planning application. Cadw expects to be in a position to publicise draft guidelines for local designation later in the year. This will be in the context of Cadw's ongoing characterisation studies, which focus on local distinctiveness and which, it is hoped, will encourage more local planning authorities to examine the use of local designation to provide communities with the opportunity to identify and manage those aspects of their heritage which are important to them.

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There are currently no plans to place a statutory duty on local planning authorities to compile a local list but I hope that those authorities without one will see the benefit, voluntarily, of doing so and will back this up with appropriate planning policies to protect these important historic assets and help maintain an element of local distinctiveness in the urban and rural environment.

I hope this is helpful.

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**Alun Ffred Jones AC/AM**

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**FAO – CHRISTINE CHAPMAN AM,  
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Dear Sirs,

**Re: P-03-263 List Stradey Park**

I refer to your letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 in the above matter inviting the Council to set out its views on the issues raised in the petition.

Firstly, I regret the slight delay in reverting to you whilst the relevant enquiries were made and the necessary legal research undertaken. I note, however, that you wrote to Alun Ffred Jones AC/AM, Minister for Heritage, seeking his views on the petition on the 4<sup>th</sup> May last and therefore I deduce that this matter has in any case been with you for some time already.

I think it is important that I set out briefly the background to this matter before I consider the issues raised by the petition itself. The site as you will be aware from the correspondence was sold to Taylor Wimpey, the developer, and the application to redevelop the site for housing was the subject of a Call-in Planning Application. After an extensive Public Inquiry which took approximately two weeks to hold, the Welsh Assembly Government granted Outline Planning Permission for the redevelopment of the area for housing on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2007. A further Public Inquiry followed in relation to an application made by residents for the training pitches to be redesignated into a Village Green. The application was subsequently refused. I should add that the Village Green Inquiry was conducted at the Council's expense and the Council had to appoint a Leading Counsel to adjudicate the matter. A further application was later made to amend the Definitive Map to add a footpath over the former car park of the Rugby Club.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 the Assembly Government issued an Article 14 “Holding” Direction in relation to the reserved matters application for this site. Subsequently, the Assembly Government issued a “Call-In” Direction which was later withdrawn on the 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 as a result of submissions made by the Developer.

The current position is that Taylor Wimpey’s application for Reserved Matters was considered by the Planning Committee of the Council on the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2010. The Committee duly resolved that it was minded to approve the said application and therefore the scheme for the redevelopment for housing subject to the withdrawal of the Article 14 Holding Direction made by the Welsh Assembly Government on the 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 and certain other matters being resolved.

I have referred to the background in this matter in some detail as I think it is extremely important that you appreciate the problematic history of this matter. I also think it is very relevant with regard to the motives behind the preparation of this petition. It is quite clear to the Council that the objectors who are the architects of this petition have used every means at their disposal in an attempt to prevent this development from proceeding and this is yet another attempt to do everything in their power to prevent any development on this site.

I now intend to deal with the petition itself and the legal grounds upon which it is purportedly made. I note from the supporting information provided by the petitioner that it is their intention that the sports pitch itself is listed with the intention of protecting the heritage of this “cultural icon”. They concede that:-

“Although the petition is named “List Stradey Park”, and there are many that would like to see the whole stadium saved, it is generally accepted that listing Stradey Park would mean listing the Stradey Park pitch and retaining it as an open space within any development”.

It is clear that their intention and focus is on protecting the pitch rather than the built structures which surrounded it. Unfortunately, their petition appears to the Council to be wholly misconceived in that respect. You have already received advice from the Minister for Heritage that the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 (the statutory provision which is relevant in this matter) only provides the means to list **buildings** of special architectural or historic interest. Indeed the petitioners recognise this themselves and appear to concede the point in that they indicate in their supporting information “to list a sports pitch would probably require a new listings category or an amendment to an existing category”. I also note from the Minister for Heritage that any provision to list the listing of items which are not buildings would require primary

legislation and that in any case it would not appear in his view that extending the current statutory planning controls in the way suggested by the petitioners would work in the case of items without a built component.

Therefore, it is simply neither realistic nor legally possible in the Council's view to list the pitch as requested by the petition. Therefore the Council would strongly submit that this matter cannot proceed as outlined or submitted by Mr. Vaughan Jones.

I also note, however, that Mr. Jones also indicates that :-

"I am not sure that I have worded the petition very well as it would appear that the word "listing" might be confusing the issue. I probably should have said "amend the criteria of historic parks and gardens to allow Stradey Park to be added to the Register".

I also note the comments of the Minister for Heritage in that respect. He has confirmed that there are no historic sporting grounds currently included on the non-statutory Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest and that CADW have yet to devise a specific criteria for the inclusion of such sites.

The Council is also minded by the advice contained within the Welsh Office Circular 61/96, paragraph 16 which indicates that :-

"No additional statutory controls follow from the inclusion of a site in the Register. Local Planning Authorities are asked to take it into account in preparing local plans and in determining Planning Applications especially those concerning road schemes which would effect registered parks and gardens and their settings or where the proposed development is of a sufficient scale to have more than local impact on the historic landscape".

As you will be aware from my previous comments on the background to this matter, this site is already subject to an Outline Planning Consent and therefore the value of this would be very limited. However, matters have now progressed and you will be aware as referred to earlier in this letter that the application for Outline Planning Consent has already been determined. The Council was not aware of this petition until comparatively recently and therefore it did not have an opportunity to consider the advice of the Minister of Heritage to defer consideration of the Reserved Matters application to permit CADW to undertake a full assessment of whether the ground could have been included in the Register. However, the Council is minded that this matter has been held in abeyance pending the various Public Inquiries for a considerable period of time and to have


deferred the matter for a further period of time for all these issues to be dealt with would have not been fair to the developer concerned.

I would also like to remind the Minister of the current position of the site which I think is an extremely important consideration notwithstanding the legal impediments. Any inspection that the Minister wishes to make of the site will show that both the pitch and the stands have now been demolished and/or removed and there is nothing of any worth left on the site to merit any Preservations Orders being made even if the same were possible which the Council submit is not the case here.

Finally, the Minister should be aware that as part of the Reserved Matters, the Council is pleased to note that a Memorial Park area has been designed within the site which is an important and central feature within the Landscaped Management Plan which was prepared in accompaniment of the scheme. The detailed design of the Park will be subject to further discussions with the former Players Association with the intention of that body adopting the maintenance of that area in due course.

I trust therefore that after due consideration the Minister will find that it is simply not possible on either a legal or practical basis to grant listed status to Stradey Park.

Yours faithfully,



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Dear Sirs,

**Re: P-03-263 List Stradey Park**

I refer to your letter dated the 7<sup>th</sup> December and as indicated in your letter wish to respond by the deadline given namely the 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.

Firstly, I wish to deal with the plans for the Memorial Garden as referred to in previous correspondence. Please find attached Plan 1 showing the planning layout of the site, Plan 2 showing further details of the specific proposals and a copy of a letter received from Mr. Terry Davies of the Players Association dated the 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2010. Please note that the Council has not had any direct involvement with the issues concerned but understands that the Players Association has met with Taylor Wimpey to agree suitable proposals. The Council understands that many of the Streets will be named after famous Llanelli Rugby Players and that with regard "International Way" as shown in the plans there will be a tree lined road comprising of trees from countries that have played against Llanelli in the past. Leading from this "Green Avenue" will be a further Memorial Garden area and this will lead on to an area of public open space along the opened up Cille Stream. In addition, there will be a 9.3 square monument at the centre of the development to represent the history of Stradey Park and the Llanelli Rugby Club. A set of rugby posts will also be located within the development. The Council believes that the Players Association are content with the proposals which have been agreed with the developer. However, if you wish to receive any further information in this regard then I would suggest that you contact either the Association or Taylor Wimpey directly.

As far as the Council's role with regard to this aspect of the development, I am instructed that the proposals have been before the Design Commission for Wales

on two occasions. They themselves made no issue of the pitch and their recommendations were taken on board by the Council and led to a significant amendment to the scheme although the Commission welcomed the landscape strategy involved in the scheme and the quality of the precedents shown.

I now deal with the other issues referred to in your letter. Firstly, with regard to my earlier references to issues which I wished the Minister to note or be made aware of. Having now been advised by yourselves of the structure involved in the National Assembly for Wales and the role of the Petitions Committee in particular I would like to clarify that the points made in my earlier letter to “the Minister” were intended to be points which I wished the Petitions Committee to be aware of as opposed to the Minister.

With regard to correspondence from the petitioner which as far as I can see appears to be undated, I would like to firstly indicate that the purpose of my reply dated the 1<sup>st</sup> November was not to discredit any of the individuals involved in this matter but merely to put forward the arguments raised by the Council in the many Inquiries which have taken place in respect of this site and also to put forward the legal position with regard to whether or not this site is capable of being listed. I do not intend to repeat issues which have already been dealt with at some length, however, I will deal with some of the points as you have indicated that you would be grateful for my views on the issues raised in any event.

The background issues and the planning history of this site were referred to by the Council in order that the Committee could appreciate the history of the matter and to give the Committee a flavour of the various Inquiries and investigations which have been undertaken with regard to this particular site which have been extensive in nature. Without dealing with all the points Mr. Thomas raises as clearly these are now historical issues which have been already dealt with, we believe the Committee ought to be aware that the training pitches in the western part of the site were previously designated within an area of green wedge within the Council’s Unitary Development Plan. The Inspector heard representations on the designation of the pitch and practice areas and considered Planning Policy Wales (PPW) provides further assistance in interpretation of UDP Policy GDC6. Paragraph 2.6.10 of PPW advises ‘local designations such as Green Wedges may be justified where land is required to serve the same purpose to a green belt but these designations do not convey the permanence of a green belt and paragraph 2.6.3 of PPW describes the purpose of green belt as to ‘prevent the coalescence of large towns and cities with other settlements; Manage Urban form through controlled expansion of urban areas; assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachments; protect the setting of an urban area; and assist

in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land’.

It was noted that the Inspector concluded that in this location the Green Wedge designation in the Plan was an anomaly and the green Wedge land in question makes little contribution towards the aim of such a designation, therefore he concluded that development of the Green Land would not conflict with any of the aims and objectives of designation Green Wedge land.

During the Planning Inquiry Process both the Minister through the Planning Inspector and the Authority considered the status of the ground and the following is another conclusion the Inspector arrived at in his Inquiry Report:-

“Regrettably, as it may be to move away from the historic and famous Stradey Park site, the Club’s argument is sound, and I conclude that these are not options that would enable the Club to survive”. The options considered at the Inquiry amounted to rebuilding the Stadium at the Stradey site.

In relation to the issue of listing, Mr. Jones refers to the Petitions Committee having previously discussed and accepted that the term list has been used in the wider sense on this petition to imply official recognition of the Stradey Park pitch. Unfortunately, as referred to in my earlier letter and also the letter of Alfred Fred Jones, Minister for Heritage, the issue is that it is not possible to list items which are not buildings and that to do so would require primarily legislation and the Minister himself could not see how extending the statutory controls in the way suggested would work in the case of items without a built component. Without therefore repeating the Council’s position further, it is our view that it is not possible to list the pitch itself.

Dealing with the non-statutory Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest, I note that the current guidelines for the grading system to be used for Parks and Gardens on the Welsh Register indicates that Grade 1 is for Parks and Gardens which by reason of their historic layout, features and architectural ornaments considered together make them of exceptional interest. Grade 2\* Parks and Gardens which by reason of their historic layout, features and architectural ornaments considered make them of great quality and finally Grade 3 Parks and Gardens which by reason of their historic layout, features and architectural ornaments considered together make them of special interest.

Further, in relation to the criteria for selection of sites for the Register, the guidance refers to Gardens, Parks, designed grounds, designed ornamental landscapes and places of recreation that are of historic interest. The Stradey

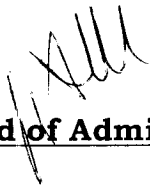


ground is not a garden or park or designed grounds and does not contain ornamental landscapes and is not a place of recreation. The Council therefore would concur with the Minister for Heritage's view that CADW have yet to devise specific criteria to help inform an evaluation of the potential for grounds such as Stradey and others for possible inclusion and this is supported by the fact that no historic sporting grounds are currently included on the Register in their own right. The Council believes that this is on the basis that such grounds cannot be regarded as places of recreation but are by their nature sporting grounds used primarily by a private sporting club. Finally I would also like to add that to consider dealing with the petition by the inclusion of the site in the Register of Parks and Gardens would in fact go outside the terms of the petition in any event. The petition is quite clear in that it requests the Minister to grant "listed status" for the site and not to deal with any other matter.

I have taken further instructions with regard to Mr. Jones' view that the Council "clearly knew about the petition and had contact with CADW well before the June Planning Meeting". The Council was not officially made aware of the petition until your letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 although I understand there had been discussions with CADW and the appropriate Council Officers in relation to issues of conservation on the site.

I believe that the Council has now dealt with the issues raised. However, I would advise that before you finally consider this matter you ought to contact the developer directly for their representations as clearly the Council's role in this matter has been in the determination of the Planning merits or otherwise of the proposals.

Yours faithfully,



**Head of Administration and Law**

**Encs.**

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Friday 14. 05. 10

Dear Mrs Stokes.

17 MAY 2010

Please find enclosed the agreed  
Plan with Taylor Wimpey at our last  
meeting.

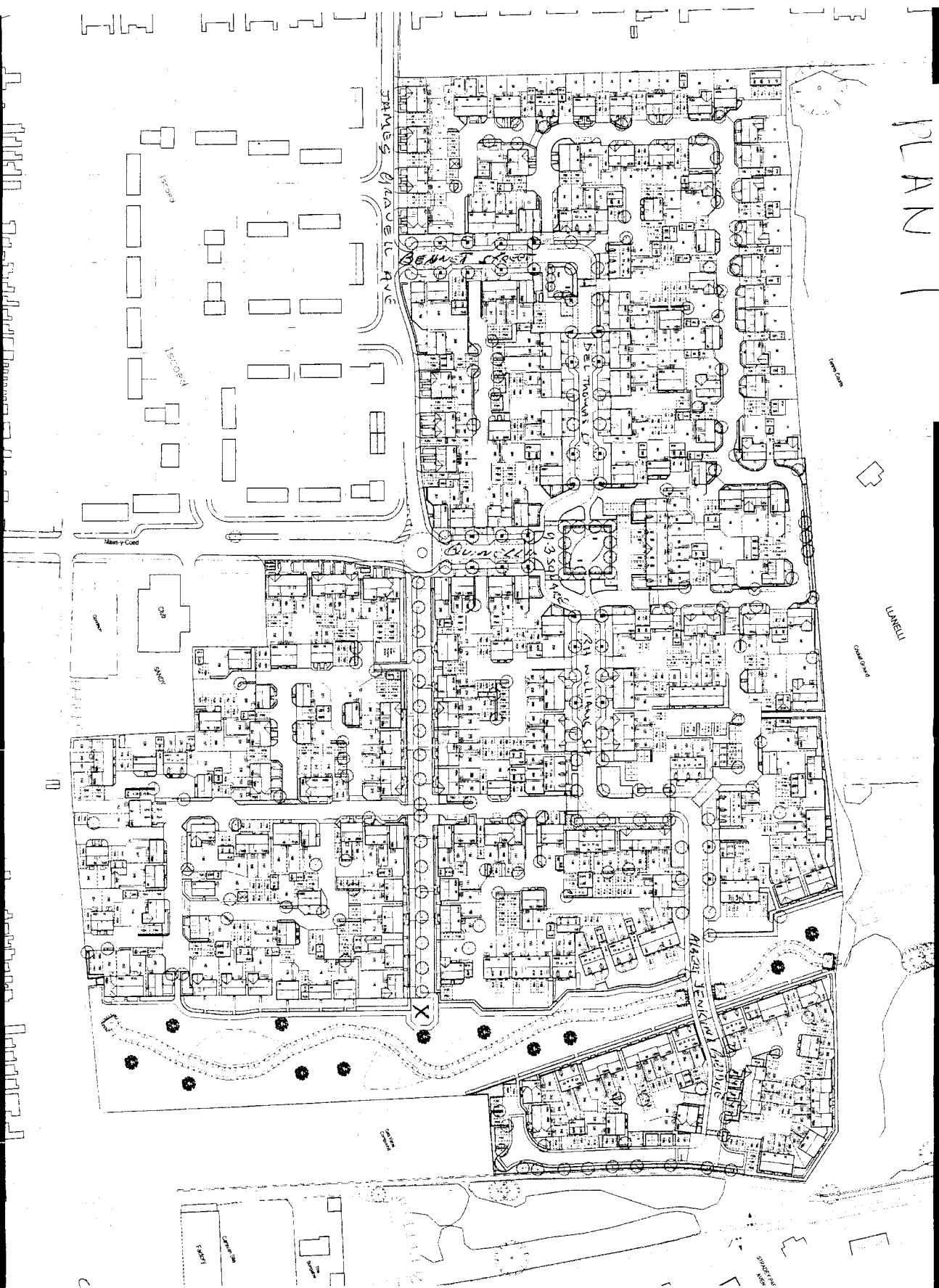
We gave them a core list of names  
with the balance of names to make 15.  
as per code to follow. We are hopeful  
that these legendary names will be accepted  
as they will influence a large number  
of visitors to visit this iconic site  
Stander Park.

Dorothy Jones

Terry Davies



# PLAN 1



## PLANNING LAYOUT



NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	BY	REVISIONS
1	ISSUED FOR TENDERS	15.11.11	...	
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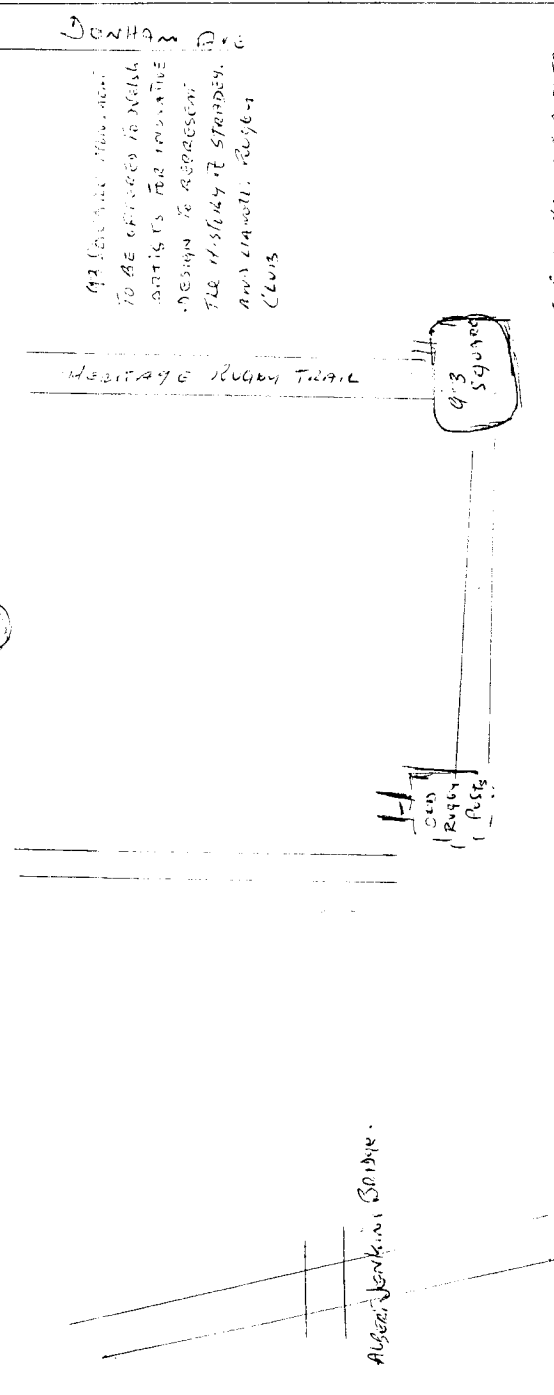
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 PROJECT: STRADEY PARK  
 15.11.11 12:00  
 (AMENDED PLAN SHEET)

Suggested Space  
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 to Mark X  
 Trees from courtyards  
 played in Stradey Park  
 to be moved  
 international  
 of tree-ove or  
 Korean names  
 supplied.  
 HARE: Jenkins  
 Derek QUINCY  
 PH Williams  
 ACUTE FACULTY  
 PHIL BENNETT  
 GWINNICE, IAN  
 CAROLADAM'S BY GIL  
 AVENUE

# PLAN 2

CONTRACTORS WHO  
 DO NOT WANT TO  
 INVOLVE DOMINANT GROUPS  
 IN DECISION MAKING

THAT FROM THE INITIALS USED FOR ALL  
 GENERALLY



POST CODE TO BE CHANGED  
 TO SA15 1XY

THIS PLAN IS IN FULL AGREEMENT  
 WITH TAYLOR WIMPEY ACC.

PLANS ARE IN PLACE TO GIVE ALBERT JENKINS INTEREST EXPERTS.

5 CORE NAMES SUBMITTED  
 FROM 15 TO STREET STREET  
 NAMES.  
 3 ADDITIONS: PHIL BOWEN,  
 D BOWEN,  
 C BOWEN,  
 DEBORAH THURTELL,  
 ALAN WILKINSON  
 ALBERT JENKINS  
 CHRISTOPHER JAMES  
 RAN GRANVET

92 (SOME) NAMES  
 TO BE OFFERED TO WISH  
 ARTISTS FOR INSPIRATION  
 DESIGN TO REPRESENT  
 THE HISTORY OF STRAIDEN.  
 AMY LAMONT, RUGBY  
 CLUBS

Dear Rhodri,

Thank you for your email advising of the forthcoming Petitions Committee Meeting and providing links to the meeting documents.

Having read the documents relating to the Stradey Park petition I would like to respond to the misleading and what I can only interpret as an unseemly letter directed at me received from Mr Lyn Thomas, Head of Administration and Law Department at Carmarthenshire County Council.

I hope that the Petitions Committee can be made aware of the points below as soon as possible as I am concerned that the information supplied by Mr Thomas may persuade the Committee to undertake actions which, without this rebuttal, may be inappropriate.

I am very disappointed that, rather than answer the question posed by the Petitions Committee to Carmarthenshire County Council, Mr Thomas has used his reply as an attempt to discredit me, by claiming that this petition is simply an attempt to block the development.

Mr Thomas paints a picture in the “history” section of his letter that the redevelopment of Stradey Park has been a case of unreasonable objectors blocking the planning processes at every turn. His memory appears to be somewhat selective. He mentions the Right of Way application, but fails to point out that his department’s decision to refuse the application was overturned on appeal by the Planning Inspectorate. The Right of Way application was not a delaying tactic but an attempt by residents to protect a long established footpath, and based on the Planning Inspectorate’s decision it would appear that it was Carmarthenshire County Council, rather than the residents who raised the application, that was being unreasonable.

My understanding is that the call-in at the Outline Planning stage was because the Stradey Park site was shown on WAG flood maps to be a C2 Flood Plain at risk from tidal flooding, but that Carmarthenshire County Council had decided to recommend approval of the application. On the eve of the 2007 Planning Inquiry consultants for the developers convinced Environment Agency Wales that there was no tidal flood risk and, following the Inquiry, Outline Planning permission was subsequently granted. It is apparent that if the Council had postponed their Planning Meeting until the developers had shown there was no tidal flood risk there would have been no call-in and minimal delay.

I believe that the recent call-in of the Reserved Matters is due to the fact that the site is now shown on WAG flood maps to be a C2 Flood Plain at risk from fluvial flooding, following a re-assessment of the area by Environment Agency Wales. Nevertheless, Carmarthenshire County Council was “minded to approve” the application despite the regulations preventing housing developments in C2 flood zones. It is my understanding that this call-in has been withdrawn due to some ambiguities in the call-in letter, but could be re-instated. In the meantime, a “stopper notice” is in effect. I find it interesting that Mr Thomas decided not to provide the complete current picture and instead suggested that it was only a matter of time before the Assembly withdraw the “stopper notice”.

I am told that the Outline, Reserved Matters and Village Green call-in’s were supported by former Llanelli AM Catherine Thomas, current Llanelli AM Helen Mary Jones and Llanelli MP Nia Griffith, as well as several County Councillors and, of course, local residents.

The Planning call-in directives have clearly taken place due to Carmarthenshire County Council not following the planning regulations relating to the ban on building highly vulnerable – residential development – on C2 flood plains. It would appear from the tone of Mr. Thomas' letter that it is convenient to blame objectors and, further, to drag this petition into the mix.

It is quite perverse that Mr Thomas claims that the petition is *“to prevent any development on the site”* only to then quote from the supporting documentation *“...listing Stradey Park would mean listing the Stradey Park pitch and retaining it as an open space within any development”*.

As Mr Thomas is clearly questioning my credibility and motives as the petitioner, I feel I must justify myself. I have been heavily involved in local heritage in Llanelli for the last 15 years or so, and I am one of the founding members of Llanelli Community Heritage, an organisation set up to ensure recognition for Llanelli's built heritage and places. My attempts to have the Stradey Park pitch recognised by Cadw pre-date the planning application.

In 2005 I was in contact with a Cadw Officer responsible for the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens who advised me to approach Carmarthenshire County Council for recognition of the Stradey pitch as Cadw did not have a suitable category. With the support of Llanelli Town Council I made contact with Carmarthenshire County Council, but was swiftly rebuked.

In addition Carmarthenshire County Council's Chief Executive wrote to Llanelli Town Council stating that it would not be possible to recognise the pitch as that would *“jeopardise the new stadium project”*. That statement enraged several Town Councillors and featured in the local press. My credibility is not in question.

It is evident that Mr Thomas has not looked at the previous discussions that have taken place at the Petitions Committee with regard to this petition and the term “list”.

Through my involvement in local heritage I am well aware of the listing criteria, but decided to use the word “list” on the petition as it is a term understood by the general public to mean recognition and protection. As the Petitions Committee has previously discussed and accepted, the term “list” has been used in the wider sense on this petition to imply official recognition for the Stradey Park pitch. This has also been accepted by the Minister who has asked Cadw to consider the criteria for the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens with a view to adding historic sports pitches to the Register.

As the Minister states in his recent letter *“Cadw hopes to be in a position early in the new year to consult on possible draft designation criteria and other possible measures to help highlight this aspect of our cultural heritage”*. While, as Mr Thomas is keen to point out, *“no additional statutory controls follow from the inclusion of a site in the Register”*, would it not be disdainful for a Local Planning Authority to disregard this national recognition?

Mr Thomas claims that *“the council was not aware of this petition until comparatively recently and therefore did not have the opportunity to consider the advice of the Minister of Heritage to defer consideration of the Reserved Matters application to permit Cadw to undertake a full assessment of whether the ground could have been included in the Register”*.

This is a direct contradiction to the Minister of Heritage's letter of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to the Petitions Committee where he states that his officials had confirmed "*to the planning authority's officers the grounds undoubted local – and doubtless wider – historic interest*" and goes on to state "*it would of course be open to the Council to defer the consideration of the planning application to allow Cadw to undertake a full assessment ...*" ending with "*The Council has however indicated that, unless the site were to be included on the Register, there is currently no basis for the authority to reconsider the historic importance of the site...*".

The Council clearly knew about the petition and had contact with Cadw well before the June planning meeting. They refused to consider a deferment but now claim not to have had the opportunity to consider deferring it. I suggest Mr Thomas' letter is an unsuccessful attempt to cover for his Council's unreasonable behaviour.

In his May letter, the Minister reports that the Council claim that the historic importance of the site was considered at the planning inquiry, but this is not the case. As a Scarlets shareholder I am aware that the future of the pitch was raised at several shareholder meetings prior to and during the outline planning process and this resulted in former Scarlets Chief Executive Stuart Gallacher confirming that the pitch would be retained in the proposed housing development.

All indicative site plans prior to Reserved Matters show the retained pitch so this was not an issue for residents or heritage enthusiasts and was, therefore, not raised as a concern and not considered at the Planning Inquiry. It is inaccurate and misleading for Carmarthenshire County Council to claim otherwise.

Mr Thomas appears to take great delight in advising the Petition Committee of the work undertaken over the summer to demolish the stands and remove the top soil of the pitch, claiming that there is nothing of any worth on the site left to merit any preservation orders being made. What Mr Thomas fails to advise is that the top soil has simply been moved to another part of the site for storage and that the footprint of the pitch is still very obvious.

In the Reserved Matters application, the developer states that it intends to re-use the Stradey turf at various locations of the 23.5 acre site – they also clearly recognise the importance of the Stradey pitch. Should Cadw confirm that the Stradey Park pitch is worthy of inclusion on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens, it would simply be a case of relaying the topsoil in its original position. Alternatively, as it is the pitch location that is important, it would simply be a case of re-turfing the area, as happened on countless occasions in the 129 years of use.

Mr Thomas is also keen to point out that a Memorial Park area has been designed within the site. I assume the name has been chosen to suggest a green park area, but as indicated on the plans and confirmed in a meeting I had with the Former Players Association, this is no more than a small concrete public square containing plaques listing the names of former players and notable matches and occasions.

Carmarthenshire County Council was asked for its view on the petition and whether it wished to protect the pitch. Mr Thomas responded with an attack - on the objectors who he claims have delayed the planning process - and the petition - and the petitioner.

Mr Thomas appears to have conveniently ignored the fact that the call-in directives have been made because of concerns on the how the planning regulations have been implemented. However, he seems happy to call into question the legality of any attempt to list or register Stradey Park and recognise its historical importance.

While the petition may have planning implications, it is not a legal matter but simply an issue of modern Welsh Heritage. The fact that Cadw has already confirmed to Carmarthenshire County Council “*the grounds undoubted local – and doubtless wider – historic interest*” implies to me that there is acknowledgment that the time has come for recognition for places like Stradey Park.

I look forward to their initial findings and, hopefully, in the near future, official confirmation and recognition of Stradey Park’s historic and cultural importance.

The Stradey Park petition was collected on the counters of market stalls, newsagents, pubs, chip shops and the like at over 50 locations in Llanelli and Carmarthen and attracted over 4500 signatures, with additional support from Llanelli Town Council, Llanelli Rural Council and local heritage groups. The comments by Mr Thomas are out of order and disregard the signatures of thousands of people who want the pitch area of Stradey Park recognised and protected.

I apologise for my rambling, but felt it was important to rebut the misleading comments made by Mr Thomas on behalf of Carmarthenshire County Council. I hope that the Petitions Committee will consider my response to those comments.

Thank you.

***Vaughan Jones***



**Jane Davidson AC/AM**

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U January 2011

*Dear Cts,*

I refer to your letter of 7 December, with enclosures, about the proposed residential development at Stradey Park, Llanelli.

On 22 July 2010 the Welsh Ministers called in for their own determination the application for approval of reserved matters in respect of proposed residential development at Stradey Park, Llanelli.

Taylor Wimpey UK Limited, the prospective developers of the site, wrote to the Welsh Ministers on 4 August 2010 indicating that they were minded to seek leave to apply for judicial review of the call in decision but, in accordance with Court protocols, they were seeking the Welsh Ministers' comments on the grounds on which judicial review would be sought.

In order to be able to fully consider the issues raised by Taylor Wimpey the Welsh Ministers concluded that the most appropriate course of action would be to withdraw the call in direction of 22 July 2010 and consider the issue afresh. Consequently, that direction was withdrawn on 26 August 2010 and, at the same and for the avoidance of doubt, the Welsh Ministers issued a new Direction under Article 14 of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 ('stopper direction') to give them more time to consider whether or not they should call in the reserved matters application for their own determination.

I am considering advice from officials on the question of whether the application should be called in and I will issue my decision in that respect as soon as possible

*Yours*

**Jane Davidson AM**

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Dear Naomi,

Thank you for notice of the forthcoming petitions meeting.

I'd be grateful if you could clarify if my understanding listed in the points below is correct:-

1. The petition of 4383 names which was submitted in May 2009 has been discussed several times and it has been accepted that the word "listing" in the petition wording was meant in the general sense of Cadw recognition of its important historic merit.
2. The Minister of Heritage, after discussion with Cadw officials, has asked Cadw to investigate the possibility of amending the criteria of the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens to include important sports pitches such as Stradey Park. Cadw are due to report back in early 2011.
3. The Petitions Committee is currently monitoring the progress of the review of the criteria of the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens, via this petition. This review is not Stradey Park specific but is relevant to all important historic sports pitches.
4. Due in part to the Stradey Park petition and in the main the Vulcan petition, the Petitions Committee has written to the Minister of Heritage regarding "Local Listings" and advice is now being devised to ensure Local Planning Authority's have a list of locally important buildings and places which they must consider when deliberating on planning applications.
5. The Petitions Committee is currently monitoring the progress of the drawing up of advice for Local Planning Authority's via the Vulcan petition. This advice is not Vulcan specific, but for all locally important buildings in Wales.

The latest reply from Carmarthenshire County Council appears to be trying to influence the Petition Committee to throw out the petition, with the Council's Senior Solicitor behaving like the developer's agent, rather than being objective and replying to the questions raised. From my understanding, the committee wrote to the Council to seek their views on unilateral protection of the pitch i.e. regardless of Cadw's possible amendments to the criteria of the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens. The two letters received from the Council are obviously long-winded ways of saying "no way". I don't think that any of the observations are relevant to Cadw's review or justification for building on this world famous historic sports pitch.

I'd be grateful if you could confirm (if possible) that the petition will remain open until Cadw has completed its work and a decision has been made on whether or not to amend the criteria to allow inclusion for historic sports pitches on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

As you may be aware, in July 2010 WAG called in the Stradey Park reserved matters due to the majority of the site being on a C2 flood plain and therefore development being in conflict with TAN 15, but after threats of legal action from the developer it withdrew the call-in and has now backed down altogether. Baring possible legal action due to the back down, the developer will no doubt start building as soon as possible. However, the pitch area is phase 3 of the development and it could be well in excess of 5 years before being built on. I don't know if it is within the committee's power, but I would hope that if Cadw decide to amend the criteria of the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens they will still continue the processes and consider Stradey Park for inclusion. It would then be up to the developer to decide if they would like to honour that registration and amend their plans to accommodate the pitch.

Thanks,

**Vaughan Jones**

**Jane Davidson AC/AM**

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25 February 2011

*Dear Chris,*

I refer to your letter of 26 January in which you asked me for confirmation of and the reasons for my decision not to call in an application for the approval of reserved matters associated with residential development at Stradey Park, Llanelli.

Following the original decision to call in the application, Taylor Wimpey Homes (the applicant) sent the Welsh Ministers a letter under the judicial review pre-action protocol raising a range of legal issues relating to the call-in decision. My officials obtained advice from the Assembly Government's Legal Services Division and from Counsel to the effect that the appropriate course of action was to withdraw the call in direction and consider in detail the applicant's letter rather than let matters proceed to the High Court.

Further advice received from Counsel was unequivocal – the calling in of the application because of flooding issues would be regarded as unlawful by the Courts, which would take the view that the consideration of flooding issues related to the principle of development, case law having been established that the principle of development cannot be revisited in a reserved matters application.

Counsel also advised that there were no other issues arising from the application that could be regarded as being of more than local importance, which would have justified calling it in.

On the basis of Counsel's clear advice, I did not call in the application.

*Yours*

**Jane Davidson AM**

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28<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.

Dear Madam,

Stradey Parc, Llanelli.

In reply to your letter of 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2011, and our conversations with your staff we comment as follows.

Agreement with Taylor Wimpey.

1. Street Naming - 10 streets with names of famous players.
2. Avenue of Trees and Shrubs from Countries that have played at Stradey Parc.
3. Landscaped culvert with bridge named after Albert Jenkins.
4. Memorial incorporating the emblems of Countries that have played at Stradey Parc. (To date we have £12,000 in trust towards our estimated costs of £25, - 30,000.)

Agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council.

1. Siting of the Scarlets old goal posts. Both have been renovated. One has already been erected on a roundabout approaching the prestigious Parc y Scarlets. The second location has yet to be agreed upon. There are competitive proposals.

Blue plaques on streets.

e.g. Derwent Street (within the shadows of Scarlets old east end goal post)

produced:           Four Rugby Internationals.  
                          One Rugby League International.  
                          One Soccer International.  
                          One Boxing Champion.

Llanelli House (Located in the Town Centre).

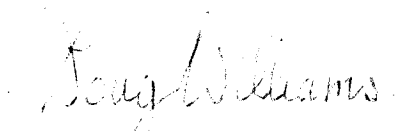
1.     Room dedicated to displays of ex-players personal memorabilia.  
(Changed every 2 - 3 months).
- 2,     Year on Year Book of all ex Llanelli Players.
- 3     History of Llanelli RFC.
4.     Additional Set of Goal Posts adjacent to Llanelli House.

Memorabilia. Our Committee have produced “Cofio Parc-y-Strade” Plates.  
Should you have a suitable commemorative display area we would be  
delighted to send you one.

Effectively we have a virtual Llanelli Heritage Trail, starting with named  
streets and memorials, along the avenue of Trees and Shrubs; over the  
Albert Jenkins Bridge into Derwent Street, Llanelli House and finally onto  
the new prestigious Parc-y-Scarlets.

Please let us know if you require additional information.

Yours faithfully,



D. Williams.

Encs.   Layout of Stradey Parc, Plate of “Cofio Parc-y-Strade.

NAMED STREETS

LANE

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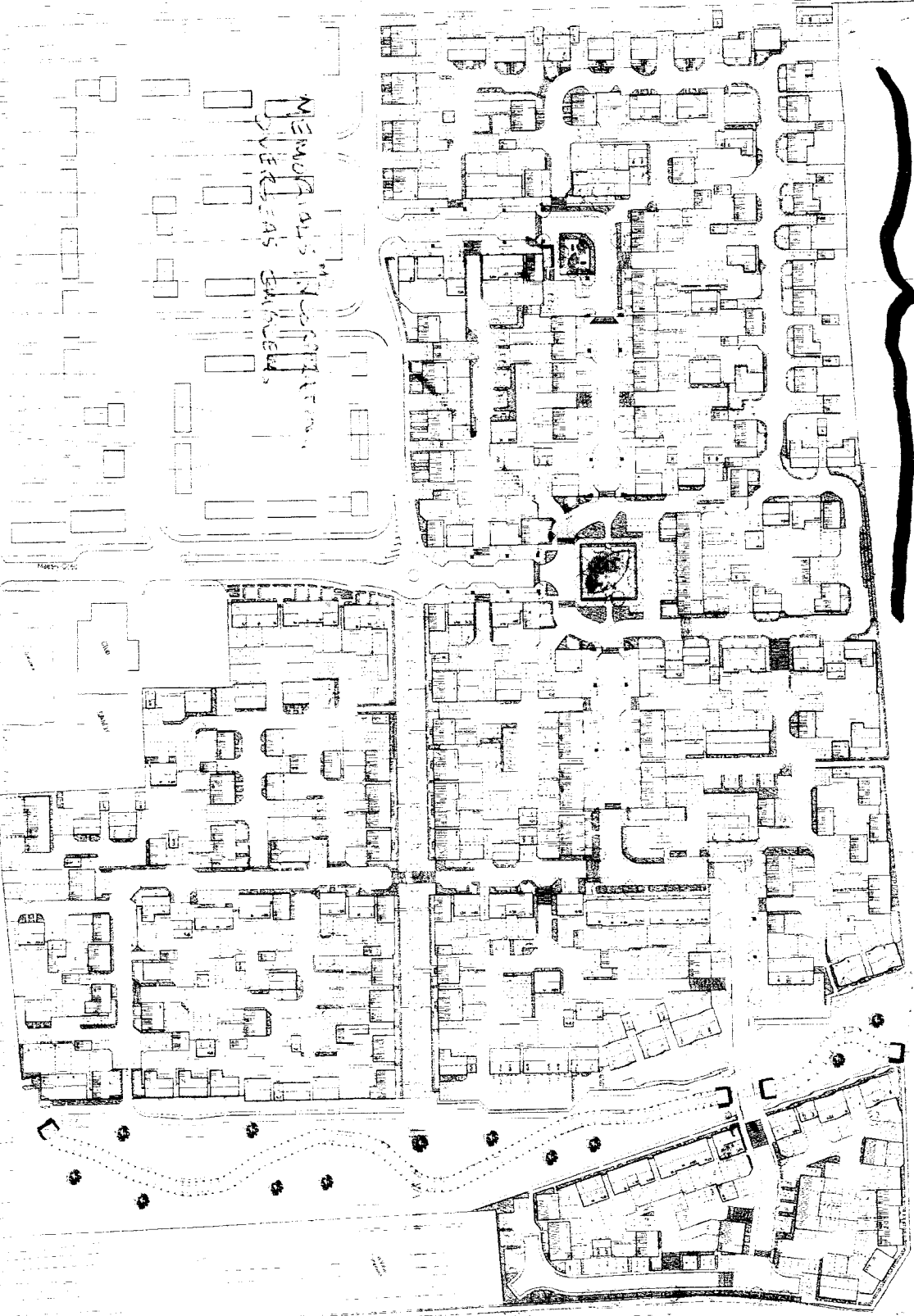
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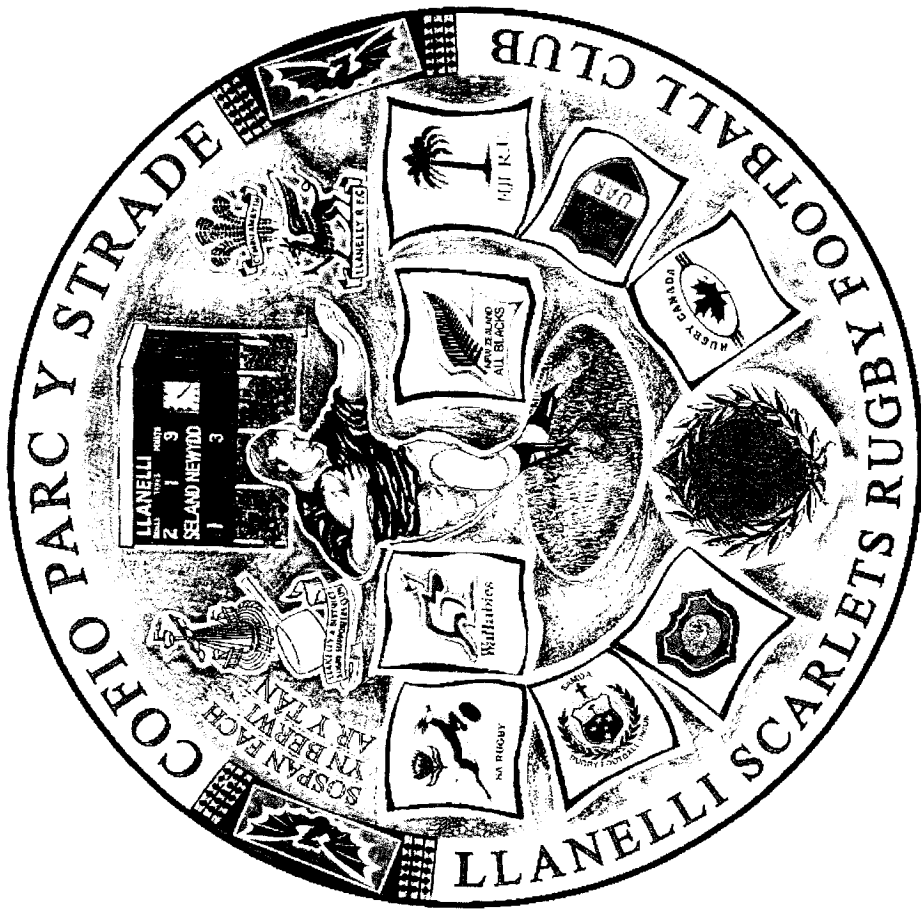
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EDUCATION	0	0%	0%
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Mae'r plât yma yn dyfynweddig iac er cofia am broffesiwn y gêm rygby yn Llanelli. Yn ogystal mae'n gyflwynedig i'r cennogwyr seleg, seledau y pwyllgor ar hyd y blynyddoedd, y gwirfoddwyr niferus ac wrth gwrs y chwaraewr a dddeith a chymraeth o glod a balchoder i Llanelli a Chymru. John H Rogers, ddyddianmer o Llanelli dddeith ar gêm gynnal i dre y Sospan. Dyddodd yntau y gêm yn Ysgol Rygby yn ystod 1860au. Fe drefnodd yn 1872 y gêm gynnal ened'w chwarae yn Llanelli a honno yn 'People's Park'. Y gêm gynnal i'w chymraeth ym Mharc y Strade oedd ar yr 20fed o Fedi 1878. Sgwreier Strade, C.W. Mansel Lewis, wnaeth gartolau i'r maes gael ei dddefnyddio ar gyfer rygby ac ei oeddi hwyddid cynnal y chwab. Trobwynt yn hanes y chwab oedd prynu y cas oddi wrth y Strade yn y 1950au. Y gêm enwocaf oedd honno pan gurodd y Sgarlets Crysau Duon Selanid Newydd yn 1972. O ganlyniad i'r gêm fynd yn broffesiynol ac all dreinu y gêm yng Nghymru mae Sgarlets Llanelli wedi profi llywyddiant nodedig yng nghystadlaethau Henneken a chyngrair Magners. Bydd stadwm newydd Sgarlets Llanelli yn eiddo balchoder Parc y Strade a bydd enw 'im y Sospan yn parhau i fod gyda'r amlycaf ble bynnag y chwarae'r y gêm. Mae'r balchodwyr ar y plât yn cynryb y pŵl wledydd wnaeth chwarae yn erbyn y tîm canol ar Banc y Strade.

This plate is dedicated to the memory of pioneers of the Llanelli R.F.C. and to all the faithful supporters, committee men, volunteers and not least the players who have brought such honour and glory to Llanelli and Wales to become one of the most famous rugby clubs in the world. John H. Rogers, a Llanelli industrialist was the main instigator in bringing rugby football to the town for he had learned the game while a pupil at Rugby School in the 1860's. In 1872 he gathered a few friends together for a kick about and practice at People's Park near the Town Hall. The opening game at Strade was on the 20th Sept. 1878, when Mr C.W. Mansel Lewis, the squire of Strade, consented to become the president and allowed the ground to be used for rugby games. A landmark in the history of the Club was the purchase of the ground from the Strade Estate in the 1950's. There have been so many memorable games at Strade but the victory over the New Zealand All Blacks in 1972 must rank as the most outstanding achievement in the Clubs centenary year. Following the advent of professionalism and the reorganisation of Welsh Rugby, Llanelli Scarlets has achieved notable success in both the Henneken Cup and the Magners Celtic League. The legacy of Strade Park will live on in the new stadium that will be the future home of the Llanelli Scarlets, a name that will be synonymous with rugby all over the world. The badges on the plate represent matches against major overseas touring sides to date.

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*Dear Christine,*

Thank you for your letter of 18 March asking for an update on Cadw's work on identifying sites of historic interest.

I can assure the Committee that work is in hand in Cadw but, following detailed consideration, my officials are working on guidance which will be fuller than originally planned and which we hope will be more helpful.

Rather than working on guidance on sporting sites solely to inform the registration of historic parks and gardens, my officials are now in fact working up draft guidance for all types of sites of sporting interest, which will inform the listing of buildings, as well as parks and gardens registration. My officials are also considering whether there is a need to address the significance of sports heritage by means other than designation, possibly through local lists held by local authorities or other recognition through the local planning process or recording.

Drafting is in hand but this will be informed also by research currently being undertaken by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales into the history of sport in modern Wales. This research is due to be published in a book in October this year and Cadw expects to consult on its comprehensive guidance on the protection of sports heritage by the same time.

I hope that this is helpful, although the approach is, of course, subject to the wishes of the new Government.



Separately, but given the Committee's interest in the demolition of unlisted buildings outside conservation areas, it may be interested to know about a recent Court of Appeal case in England. Officials have advised me that last Friday the Court of Appeal made a ruling which appears to raise questions about whether proposals for the demolition of buildings should require planning permission and assessment under the Environmental Impact Assessment regime. My officials, with colleagues in the Welsh Assembly Government's Planning Division, are seeking further information on the details of the case and the terms of the judgment in order to assess the implications of the ruling and to advise Ministers in due course.'

Sincerely,  
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