

## **Graig & Penllyn Residents Association**

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Subject: Response to concerns regarding the Winchfield pathway.

Dear Mr Reade,

I am writing in response to your concerns raised regarding the Winchfield pathway and would like to set out the facts, along with more detailed information to help clarify any misconceptions and possible concerns.

- Firstly I would like to reassure you the Residents Association acts in the interest of the residents. It has always sought to ensure that the activities and facilities on the Winchfield are maintained not only for the use and enjoyment of local people but also as a deterrent against house building development, which has been an ongoing threat.
- The Residents Association acted in response to a number of requests and suggestions from members of the community who wanted to maximise the use of the Winchfield as a recreation facility.
- In following this up we sought to firstly consult widely with all members of the local communities of Craig and Penllyn. This was initially undertaken through a comprehensive questionnaire asking for views on a wide variety of options and then through a follow up consultation event held in the Village Hall on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 2008, summarising the feedback and discussing this further with interested individuals. A number of proposals were rejected and the suggestion to have a pathway around the Winchfield was seen to be the most favourable and supported by the majority.
- This proposal identified the advantages for all members of the community, young and old, able or disabled by having a pathway installed around the perimeter of the field. This would enable safe and wider access to the field whether for walking, jogging or cycling as well as to provide safer access to the play area.
- Considerable discussion has since been held with a variety of organisations, experts and individuals from the local council, the Rural Communities Forum and others who have installed a similar facility to ensure the pathway will be environmentally compatible, safe, durable and best fit for its proposed use. We have also sought reassurances that the pathway will not affect or be affected by any flooding due to the extremely small area of the total being used in this way.

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- Much time and effort has been invested by individuals in following up this proposal which they believed would be a really valuable facility for all members of the community. Over 70% of the costs have been provisionally allocated by a number of funding agents to date with more currently being applied for.

I therefore hope that any misconceptions or concerns can be amicably resolved to ensure we maintain the goodwill and commitment of the community, particularly those willing to put time and energy into developing and supporting an attractive, safe, clean, active and vibrant place for us all to live in.

This letter is personal to you but we do intend to clarify our position to the residents in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Residents Association.

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