

## Environment Interest Group – 24 February, 2009 Community Information Pack

**Location: St Athan Community Hall, Glyndwr Avenue, St Athan, CF62 4PP**

**Date: Tuesday 24 February, 18.30-20.30**

### 1. OVERVIEW

The environment was a popular topic of discussion at the public exhibitions held in July 2008 and a number of comments and questions were recorded. The majority of the comments made related to:

- *The potential impact of the redevelopment on local biodiversity, wildlife and the landscape*
- *Whether noise and light pollution could increase*
- *The potential loss of local greenfield sites*
- *Any increased flood risk associated with the development*

The Environment Interest Group will seek to address each of these points by explaining the project team's current thinking and asking the public for their views and opinions. In addition to these points of discussion, there are a number of other areas where the project team is particularly keen to hear the public's views. These include:

- *Use of renewable energy*
- *Creation of new habitats to compensate for those that will be lost due to the redevelopment process*
- *The green travel plan*

## 2. OBJECTIVES

In consideration of the above, the following objectives have been set for the workshop:

- *To provide an overview of how the environment has been and will continue to be considered as part of the redevelopment of St Athan*
- *To provide an overview of what measures are proposed to ensure important habitats are preserved/enhanced and wildlife is protected*
- *To capture views on energy generation and recycling and examine the initiatives that are proposed*
- *To look at the measures that are being taken to mitigate the risk of flooding*
- *To discuss any likely increase in noise and light pollution, and the steps being taken to reduce their impact*

## 3. FORMAT AND AGENDA

Whilst there will be a degree of flexibility in the Interest Group structure, it is appreciated that people are giving up an evening to attend. Accordingly, it is intended that the Interest Group finishes on time. However, there will be scope to pick up any outstanding discussion points and questions with the consultation team outside of the Interest Group session.

### 18.30 Arrival and Introduction

Tea, coffee and sandwiches on arrival followed by an introduction which will set out the scope of the Interest Group and reiterate the agenda/key discussion points.

### 18.50 Presentations from the Project Team

Dedicated presentations of key subjects of interest:

- 1. Archaeology, Landscaping and Environmental Assessments**  
*- Glyn Diwell (Entec)*
- 2. Ecology** – *Geraint Pitman (Capita)*
- 3. Surface Water Management** – *Dr Richard Breakspear (Entec)*
- 4. Green Travel** - *Alan Davies (Capita)*
- 5. Energy & Renewables Strategy** - *Ian Matthews (Cundall)*

**19.50 Questions and answer session in breakout format**

At this point, attendees are free to leave. For those that wish to remain there will be a dedicated Q&A breakout session. There will be five breakout groups, representing each of the presentation subjects, and attendees will be free to approach any of the experts to ask them questions about the presentation they have seen.

Whilst it is appreciated not everyone will hear all the answers to all the questions, every question and answer will be recorded and made available to attendees after the event.

**20.30 Close**

**4. FOLLOW-UP**

Copies of all the presentations will be made available on request and can be sent to attendees following the event. A record of the questions and answers from the Q&A breakout session will also be sent to attendees following the event. All documents will also be made available for downloading via the project web-site ([www.st-athanconsultation.co.uk](http://www.st-athanconsultation.co.uk)).

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## Community Welfare Interest Group – 4 March, 2009 Community Information Pack

**Location: RAF St Athan Golf Club, Clive Road, St Athan**

**Date: Wednesday 4 March, 18.30-20.30**

### 1. OVERVIEW

The community welfare interest group will encompass a range of subjects raised at the public exhibitions held in July 2008. These include employment, housing, security, the training environment and construction. A large number of comments relating to these areas were recorded during the public exhibitions, many of which covered the following areas:

- *The employment opportunities that will be available to the local community and how these can be maximised*
- *Seeking clarity on the location of new housing*
- *The potential impact of new housing on local infrastructure*
- *How the military and civilian populations will integrate*
- *Ways in which the impact of the construction phase will be mitigated*
- *How civilians will access the MOD site*

The Community Welfare Interest Group will seek to address each of these points by explaining the project team's current thinking and asking the public for their views and opinions. In addition to these points of discussion, there are a number of other areas where the project team is particularly keen to hear the public's views. These include:

- *Ways in which the project team can work with the local community/businesses on to enable them to best take advantage of the employment/business opportunities available*
- *To discuss ways of ensuring that the military population has a positive impact on the local community*

## 2. OBJECTIVES

In consideration of the above, the following objectives have been set for the workshop:

- To look at how the base and wider community will interact on a practical level e.g. how civilians will access the site and how access to sports/leisure facilities would be managed
- To provide an overview of how the academy/business park will contribute to employment in the area; to look in more detail at the types of jobs that will be created and the associated skills that will be required; to look at the opportunities available for local businesses
- To look at the amount of new housing the redevelopment of St Athan will deliver and explain how the impact of the associated increase in population and its location is being considered/mitigated
- To look at the scope/scale of the construction phase and detail the steps that will be taken to minimise its impact on the community
- To look at issues regarding security linked to the redevelopment of St Athan and reassure people regarding any impacts this will have on the surrounding community
- To capture views and opinions regarding the public's hopes and fears regarding the impact of the academy and business park

## 3. FORMAT AND AGENDA

Whilst there will be a degree of flexibility in the interest group structure, it is appreciated that people are giving up an evening to attend. Accordingly, it is intended that the interest group finishes on time. However, there will be scope to pick up any outstanding discussion points and questions with the consultation team outside of the interest group session.

### 18.31 Arrival and Introduction

Tea, coffee and sandwiches on arrival followed by an introduction which will set out the scope of the Interest Group and reiterate the agenda and key discussion points.

### 18.51 Presentations from the Project Team

Dedicated presentations of key subjects of interest:

- **Security/Access and the Training Arena** - Capt. John Sunderland RN (DTR), Roger Mathews (Scott Brownrigg) and Wg Cdr Richard Read (DE)
- **Housing** - Catrin Oliver, White Young Green
- **Employment** - Tim Bridgman, QinetiQ

#### **19.50 Question and answer session in breakout format**

At this point, attendees are free to leave. For those that wish to remain there will be a dedicated Q&A breakout session. There will be three breakout groups, representing each of the presentation subjects, and attendees will be free to approach any of the experts to ask them questions about the presentation they have seen.

Whilst it is appreciated not everyone will hear all the answers to all the questions, every question and answer will be recorded and made available to attendees after the event.

#### **20.30 Close**

### **4. FOLLOW-UP**

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## About the St Athan Interest Groups

### 1. Overview

As part of the project team's commitment to fully involve the public in the planning process for the proposed redevelopment of MOD St Athan, two Interest Groups are planned that will allow individuals to find out more about key topics relating to scheme. As well as providing the chance to discuss general issues, each Interest Group will also allow the project team to share information and knowledge with attendees and capture their views and opinions.

### 2. Scope and Scale

The topics for the Interest Groups have been predominately determined by the questions and comments recorded during the public exhibitions held in July 2008.

The Interest Groups differ from the Workshops in that their remit is broader and they will cover some subjects, such as employment, that do not directly relate to how the masterplan will look.

They represent an opportunity for the community to find out more information on these important areas and talk to the project team. Whilst we still want to capture views and opinions, the emphasis for the Interest Groups is on the sharing of information.

### 3. Agenda

In line with the above, the format for the event is predominantly based around a series of presentations where the project team can provide more information to the public. Time has been set aside after the presentations for a Q&A breakout session where questions and comments can be put to the project team.

### 4. Outputs & Feedback

Copies of all the presentations will be made available on request and can be sent to attendees following the event. A record of the questions and answers from the Q&A breakout session will also be sent to attendees following the event. All documents will be made available for downloading via the project web-site ([www.st-athanconsultation.co.uk](http://www.st-athanconsultation.co.uk)).

*N.B. In line with the Data Protection Act, whilst the questions and comments made during the Interest Groups will be available to the general public, the names and details of the individuals who took part will be withheld.*

## **5 Code of conduct**

We anticipate that the Interest Groups will be highly constructive and form a valuable part of the consultation process. Whilst constructive and lively debate is actively encouraged, we would ask all who attend the Interest Group to show the St Athan project team and fellow attendees respect.

## **6 Refreshments**

We very much appreciate the time that members of the public are giving up to attend the Interest Groups. As they start in the early evening we realise many who attend will have come straight from work and will not have had time eat.

Accordingly, refreshments will be provided at each Interest Group which will consist of sandwiches, biscuits, tea/coffee, fruit juice and water. Vegetarians will be catered for but if you have any additional dietary requirements, please contact the Interest Group organisers on: 0845 618 0016. You can also e-mail us at [enquiries@st-athanconsultation.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-athanconsultation.co.uk) or write to us at Freepost RPKG-AZTG-JLJX, Camargue (St Athan), Eagle Tower, Montpellier Drive, Cheltenham, GL50 1TA

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