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Dear Sir

Application 13/0732/MIN
Surface mine on land North and West of Pontlloyn and Fochriw

I write further to your email of 26 March concerning the arrangements for the special Planning Committee to consider the above planning application. Having discussed the matter with colleagues and members, we have decided to amend the procedure to allow the objectors to the scheme a total of 45 minutes to present their case, and the applicants and supporters of the scheme a total of 45 minutes. The officers of the local planning authority must retain their slot of 30 minutes to describe the application and set out the background to their recommendation.

The amended procedure for dealing with the application will be as follows.

- There will be a special meeting of the Planning Committee outside the normal cycle of meetings, which will only consider this application
 - That meeting will start at 2.00 p.m.
 - The timetable for the meeting will be as follows:
 - Introduction by the Chair - 15 mins
 - Procedural matters discussed by Head of Planning and Regeneration or Development Control Manager - 15 mins
 - Case officer to outline scheme - 30 mins
 - Objectors to the scheme - 45 mins
 - Non-Planning Committee members - 30 mins (without prejudice to the right of members under the Constitution to address the Planning Committee)
 - Applicants and supporters of the scheme - 45 mins
- A greener place **Man Discussion** and decision by Planning Committee

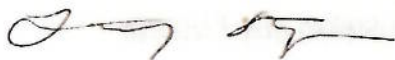
- It is intended that this special meeting should be preceded on another day by a Planning Committee site visit, authorisation for which will be sought at an earlier Planning Committee

It is up to you as a group and any other group and individuals how you use those 45 minutes. You are aware of the main groups who have shown an interest in this application (they are listed in the last paragraph of this letter), and I would advise you to contact them, and any other groups and individuals that you may be aware of, to organise a presentation that covers your concerns. If we become aware of others who wish to speak we will, depending on the numbers involved, advise them to contact you or one of the other groups to agree on the arrangements.

Objectors or supporters wishing to speak to the Committee must give 48 hours notice before the start of the meeting to the Committee Clerk who can be contacted on 01443 864267.

To keep you and others apprised of the amended arrangements, a copy of this letter has been sent to UVAG, the Green Valleys Alliance, Rhymney Area Residents Group, Fochriw Residents Committee, all members of Caerphilly County Borough Council, the clerks to all the community councils within Caerphilly borough, and the applicants. A copy will also be posted on the Council's website.

Yours faithfully



Tim Stephens
Development Control Manager

For HEAD OF REGENERATION AND PLANNING