

1. A public exhibition was held on site in the gymnasium between 2pm and 7pm on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th March 2014.
2. 66 local people and stakeholders attended the event over the course of the 2 days.
3. Of those all attendees were asked to fill in a questionnaire asking for their consideration of the content of the Development Brief.
4. Overall there was considerable support for the project. With numerous attendees feeling that it was about time that something was done to improve the site, and a number noting there was significant need for new housing in the local area.
5. 78% of attendees were supportive of the vision for the site. This clearly supports the legitimacy and relevance of the vision from the original brief.
6. Overall there was clear support for the key priorities for the site, as follows:
  - 38% said it was important that the site became a place at the heart of the Usk Valley
  - 76% said it was very important that the site became an attractive place to live
  - 45% said it was very important that the site provides a secure place to work
  - 47% said very important that the site is a stimulating place to play
  - 60% said it was very important that the site became an engaging place for young people
  - 63% thought it was very important that the site is well connected and accessible
  - 67% said very important that there was a supportive and considerate community
  - 71% said it was very important that the site was a green and environmentally aware project
  - 73% said very important that it was an environmentally aware project
7. Given the low response to the priority that it becomes a place at the heart of the Usk Valley, we have suggested that this is replaced, given the community interest and historical role that the Army Camp played in the area, with "It becomes a place at the heart of the local community;"
8. In terms of the broad design objectives (taken from PPW), generally attendees felt that these had been well addressed:
  - 78% said that they thought access and movement had been addressed satisfactorily in their opinion
  - 55% said that the development brief had addressed character satisfactorily
  - 71% said that community safety had been addressed satisfactorily in their view
  - 75% said the Development Brief had satisfactorily addressed environmental sustainability
9. With regards to community benefits, overall there was support for the proposals:
  - 53% said affordable housing provision was very important
  - 29% said the refurbishment of the gymnasium was very important
  - 66% said that the provision of allotments was very important
  - 43% said that a community store was very important

- 66% said that access to the site and play areas was very important
- 54% said that noise mitigation for the firing range was very important
- 69% said that ecological management was very important
- 55% said that a public transport contribution was very important
- 73% said that the potential for job creation was very important

10. Respondents noted that the refurbishment of the gymnasium was not important specifically as it may conflict with other facilities. Similar comments were made in relation to the proposed tennis courts which residents were concerned should not adversely impact upon the tennis courts at Crickhowell. Therefore the Brief has been changed to reflect this.

11. Comments made in relation to the scheme include:

- 'I do not agree that the site should be used for residential development but if it is to happen I think the proposals have been very well developed with excellent vision'.
- 'Natural location for any development in the Crickhowell area'.
- 'an excellent scheme – I hope you get the go ahead and the scheme begins quickly'.
- 'provides a good balance between provision of housing, employment and amenities'.
- 'the site has stood idle for far too long and will eventually become an eyesore'.
- 'plans look interesting, not overcrowded and a 'green place' to live'.
- 'as long as the Brief is strictly adhered to – I have no objection'.
- 'have impacts on community services in Crickhowell been considered i.e. schools and health centre capacity?'
- 'Cwrt y Gollen needs developing into supporting the town of Crickhowell, housing etc. It is a lovely site to be living in'.
- 'the site has been vacant for far too long, it would be good to see it put to good use, it would be a wonderful place to live'.
- 'would like confirmation that the density of the housing is maintained – i.e. no more than 70 houses'.
- 'the site is currently very attractive parkland and would be better developed as a golf course or something similar which would retain the parkland nature'.
- 'too ambitious a scheme for a village with no infrastructure whatever'.
- 'judging by the information panels, the eventual developers will want much more advice on worthwhile energy saving and sustainability'.
- 'it would be very good to see it put to some use – may it please happen quickly'.
- 'ideal for wider community and developments for future generations'.