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Lleoliad/Location:	MOD St Athan
Disgrifiad o'r Cynllun Scheme Description:	Defence Training Establishment and associated facilities
Developer/Datblygwr:	Metrix: Scott Brownrigg [Roger Matthews] HLM [Chris Liddle] Entec [Alan Chaplin]
Awdurdod Cynllunio: Planning Authority:	Vale of Glamorgan
Statws Cynllunio: Planning Status:	Pre-planning
Y Panel Adolygu Dylunio/ Design Review Panel: Alan Francis (cadeirydd/chair) Cindy Harris (swyddog/officer) Charlie Deng (swyddog/officer) Carole-Anne Davies, CEO	Ed Colgan Lyn Owen Mark Hallett
Sylwedyddion/Observers:	Steve Malone, A+DS James White DCFW

Cyflwyniad/Presentation

The proposal is for a new tri-service defence training academy, providing a total living and learning environment, for about 10,000 people at any one time with an age range from 16 years old, up to officers. Metrix are now working on the Whole Programme Solution, encompassing the original packages 1 and 2. Three main architectural practices are involved: HLM, Scott Brownrigg and Capita.

The aim is to create a strong sense of place, based on a robust masterplan incorporating accessibility, legibility and sustainability. A landscaped park will be a unifying element, binding together different areas and functions.

The Whole Programme Solution includes the aerospace park to the east with dedicated access from the north west. The main Reception area will lead – past accommodation clusters – to the Hub with all social and catering facilities, and then to the Academy. The ‘West Camp’ area and its facilities will be reused to serve a separate military unit. Shared community facilities such as museums, a hotel, pool, and sports fields will be located outside the secure area.

The planning application package is being prepared for submission early next year, to include offsite roadworks and drainage. New habitats for great crested newts are being created. The development brief was approved in 2006, following extensive public consultation. All parties wish to see net benefits for the local community, starting with service families, and extending to the general public. A separate site for service family housing will be identified in an outline application. Additional housing will be provided on allocated sites within the Vale.

We were told that a close working relationship exists with the Vale planners on land use, community and transport issues, and with the Assembly on the aerospace park and transport links, and we encouraged these relationships to continue.

The Panel felt strongly that a single comprehensive masterplan application was necessary and did not accept that the proposal as a whole was too big for a masterplan. We thought that separate ‘mini’ masterplans would be much less useful.

The Panel asked about the role of design briefs and we were told that these would be more relevant outside the ‘wire’ or security barrier. Strict military guidelines governed the layout and adjacencies inside the wire. The wire itself could be movable according to different states of alert.

We thought that the proposed layout appeared very ‘zoned’ and the design team agreed and again attributed this to military requirements. The aim was to locate all servicing and parking on the perimeter.

The Panel requested details of the main people involved in this project from WAG and DET. We would be happy to comment on the detailed proposals as they develop.

Diwedd/End

NB A Welsh language copy of this report is available upon request.