



**Planning Applications for Consideration by the Planning Committee**

**13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

APPLICATION DETAILS	COMMENTS
<p><b>BCBC App:</b> T/23/5/TPO  <b>BTC Ref:</b> 24/23  <b>Ward:</b> NEWCASTLE  <b>Location:</b> 30 Llangewydd Road Bryntirion CF31 4JW  <b>Applicant:</b> Mr M Griffiths  <b>Proposal:</b> Remove 1 maple &amp; pollard 1 elm  <b>Date after 21 consultation days:</b> 10/04/23  <i>Received by BTC 03/03/23</i></p>	<p><b>No Objection</b></p>

APPLICATION DETAILS	COMMENTS
<p><b>BCBC App:</b> P/23/47/FUL  <b>BTC Ref:</b> 25/23  <b>Ward:</b> NEWCASTLE  <b>Location:</b> 69 Parkfields Road Bridgend CF31 4BJ  <b>Applicant:</b> E Williams  <b>Proposal:</b> Retention of raised terrace/balcony  <b>Date after 21 consultation days:</b> 31/03/23  <i>Received by BTC 14/02/22</i></p>	<p><b>BTC Notes that works have already started.</b>  <b>No Objection</b></p>

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<p><b>BCBC App:</b> P/22/756/FUL  <b>BTC Ref:</b> 26/23  <b>Ward:</b> OLDCASTLE  <b>Location:</b> Land at Bridgend Police Station &amp; former Cheapside multi storey car park Cheapside Bridgend CF31 1BZ  <b>Applicant:</b> Bridgend College  <b>Proposal:</b> Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a further and higher education facility (Use Class D1), theatre (Use Class Sui Generis), café (Use Class A3) including sprinkler tank, refuse store, cycle store, roof plant and associated public realm, landscaping, highways and engineering works [amended plans received 13-2-23 (footprint of building moved)]  <b>Date after 21 consultation days:</b> 02/01/23  <i>Received by BTC 14/02/22</i></p>	<p><b>BTC have No Objection but would like to reiterate their previous comments as below.</b>  <b>It has been noted by BTC that there is no connecting bridge across the walkway. BTC reserve their right to speak at future developmental control meetings.</b></p> <p>1) On the external design and fabrics to be used, we raise concerns on the architectural merit of such a prestigious long-term building and question whether the proposed design is too stark in our Town Centre and needs further consideration. We are also concerned at the amount of glass and metal fabrics being utilised and wonder how durable and resistant they will be long term</p>

without major costs of refurbishment on a regular basis.

- 2) Connectivity of the two buildings is mentioned several times in the submission and we wonder why no mention is made of a connecting bridge across Cheapside between the two buildings. This would appear to add to connectivity of operation and is a major opportunity which appears to have been missed.
- 3) Staff and student numbers estimated on site are noted; but we need to question the thinking behind the parking of transportation vehicles of site users. Some 42 specialised parking spaces are quoted, together with 116 cycle stands. We cannot see any evidence that so many cycle stands are needed; what surveys have been undertaken; and is the project being solely reliant on the use of existing public and private car parks? Have any car parking surveys within Bridgend Town been undertaken? We cannot determine any results to date.
- 4) It is quite clear – and council accepts – that this will be a full 3 year project and during that time, the heart of Bridgend Town will become a building site with major disruption to the life of the Town Centre. What steps will be taken to mitigate the effects on everyday life?
- 5) This is a £50 million project and clearly the most important to impact on Bridgend Town centre for several decades. That being so, Council believes that the project should be given the widest publicity with the Bridgend area residents; and to that end, the project is surely worthy of a full-scale exhibition to be staged prior to any final planning permission submission for input of views from the public. Bridgend Town Council is therefore happy to offer the use of our current Council building free of charge – Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend Town Centre.
- 6) In conclusion, Council is fully in support of the general concept of Bridgend College moving into our Town Centre; but the foregoing concerns need to be fully considered.