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Mr. Evans,

Thank you for the invite to respond to the Surveyor's report dated June 24<sup>th</sup>, as sent to us on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, regarding the MUGA proposal. Initially, the LBSA is pleased to see the ambition of the council to focus some much-needed investment into the Recreation Ground.

It is also pleasing to see that the council are prepared to commit the annual "one-off" funding reserves of £20k+ to such projects over the next 3 years in conjunction with the LBSA, who represent a large portion of the park's users and we are glad this council now recognise and regard our association in that status.

Further to the Surveyor's report, we would like to make a few points in support of the idea but also put forward some suggestions for both the overall report and for this specific MUGA project.

If we may address the report in the order it is laid out, then please see the following points:

4) Cae Pownd – Just for the record, the LBSA have continued to investigate options of the funding of the redirecting the asphalt (tarmac) path. Most recently an email from Councillor Gwyneth Thomas - following her and Councillor Gary Jones' meeting held with Walters (M4, J48 works Contractor), whereby they offered some machinery and manning hours as a community benefit for any relevant projects - the Cae Pownd matter was elected by the LBSA as one of 2 projects where the community would benefit. At the time of writing we are yet to get any feedback on this, therefore we would also request that if the councillors agree to allow for a compressed gravel pathway to be placed as an option, then this might prove a better and more feasible option than the asphalt path (as reported previously the cheapest quote we got for this was £4k+). We await the councillor's response to this.

5) We must disagree with the opinion that there is no space within the play enclosure for additional play units. There is approximately 920m sq. of area (35x26m), with say 12 items currently, there is much potential to improve this in comparison with many local parks which have far more efficient use of play space.

5)i) We agree that investment is required in the playground, which we are aware was supported by the petition signed by 400 community members - within the space of a week - in February this year.

5)iii) With regard to reference of "*the replacement building needs to be larger to house garage machinery... and any other equipment for maintaining the Cricket ground.*" We'd like to raise the question whether this would also include provision for some space to store the maintenance equipment of the LBSA maintained sports pitch too?

6) We believe that the only realistic option for surface is a Multisport Hardcourt Surface (Tarmac).

This is due to:

- a) Netball is not played on grass
- b) Badminton is an indoor sport
- c) The area is not big enough to warrant the maintenance of an artificial surface
- d) We have a quote for CCTV which covers the majority of the park
- e) Flood lighting installation won't be an essential need. The area is too small for realistic junior training, compared with costs of installing a lighting system. Portable light systems are available for such use.
- f) *"Sport Wales will require applicants to employ consultants..."*; Sport Wales generally deal directly with clubs and associations seeking funding. We have experience on inquiring about this project already. This experience also taught us that the proximity of other similar MUGA installations which Sport Wales may have invested in could well be a factor in any potential investment.
- g) Could the Council publish (or email us) the ballpark quote of £130k, or provide information on its source?
- h) Are the council able to confirm that they have access to £20k+ of funding reserves per year for the next 3 years from the "one-off" pot, as suggested by the Surveyor in his report?

C) A 20-25 year lease to the LBSA is what would be required to secure any funding from Sport Wales. No additional management agreement would be required to supplement this.

Regarding some of the points raised for consideration:

- We have no doubt that the village would support such a scheme
- Junior competitive sport – Potential to hold Netball tournaments / festivals
- The community schools may well have an interest in netball / tennis use also
- The Cylch Meithrin are convinced any upgrade scheme would benefit them
- *Managed and Funded?* – We envisage minimal management would be required and usage would fall into similar category as the sports field
- *Best surface?* – Multisport Hardcourt Tarmac

We trust this response be considered by the councillors and would be happy to reply to any questions anyone has on the above.

Regards  
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