

PLANNING COMMITTEE

9 August 2022.

AMENDMENT SHEET

AGENDA ITEM 5.

<u>APPLICATION NO:</u> P2021/0856	<u>DATE:</u> 19th August 2021
PROPOSAL: The demolition of the existing 2 storey office building and the construction of 18 affordable housing apartments on upper floors with office/commercial units at ground floor and associated external works and parking area.	
LOCATION: Eagle House, 2 Talbot Road, Port Talbot SA13 1DH	
APPLICANT: I & S Gorvett with Castell Group.	
TYPE: Full Plans	
WARD: Port Talbot	

One further email of objection has been received.
The objection can be summarised as follows:

There is an existing lack of parking for residents of Eagle Street which is already a huge issue.

In response, issues relating to the proposed car parking provision have been addressed within the officer's report. The Head of Engineering and Transport, Highway Section, offer no objection, subject to conditions.

In addition Housing Strategy have provided the following information in respect of need and management issues;

As of February 2022, there were **1295** households waiting for housing in Port Talbot. Of these, 673 people needed 1 or 2 bedroom properties. In addition, there were 108 older people needing one and two beds homes, and 216 people needed small units with adaptations to suit their disabilities. There are currently only **96** one bed social housing units in Port Talbot.

The strategic housing assessments of housing need indicate that there needs to be a large number of smaller units to be built to meet a wide range of housing needs. These will usually be needed in the towns, where there are facilities and services, as well as transport links. It is acknowledged that large concentrations of one bedroom properties, if not managed, can be a focus for anti social behaviour.

NPT is setting up a Strategic Housing Partnership to discuss our housing needs and the associated housing management and support services required to make tenancies a success. This group comprises the CEOs of the local housing associations, as well as senior representatives of NPT, and this will be the forum to explore these issues and consider feedback from the communities, as we review the housing strategy.