

Comments on potential impact of closure of Llangefni golf course on Sports Development

I agree with Supporting Families Unit Manager conclusion that: "given the more than adequate open spaces available in the Llangefni area, the additional new developments and services over the last 2 years, the proposed closure of the golf club would not be detrimental to the rights of the children and young people to play opportunities in this area." Supporting this is:

1. Children and adults can still access golfing opportunities via one of the 6 golf courses on the Island. The close proximity of Stores Wen (Marianglas) to Llangefni – and the fact that it is not too formal a club – is an additional significant factor;
2. The proposed closure would be tempered, in the fact that the driving range still exists, run by a forward thinking, entrepreneurial individual who provides learning opportunities for local schools and community;
3. Added to above, is an initiative by Sports Development and Wales Golf to develop golf for children and young people in the Llangefni area this Summer – following on from a 'Tri Golf' project in the schools, last Summer;
4. I agree that – 'there is no particular group of children or young people with cultural, language, diverse needs, additional needs that appear to be impacted by the closure of the golf course.'
5. We've had Mon Actif youth forums in which the Authority's Leisure Department engages with schools regarding a range of outdoor leisure and play activities for children and raise awareness of clubs and outdoor activities available in the area. As a result of this community engagement [and taking into account the range of clubs and outdoor leisure opportunities available] the proposed closure of the golf course would not adversely impact on access to outdoor sport based activities.

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