

IDEAS FOR IMPROVING R&M

The R&M Association was invited by the R&M Community Council to consult its members regarding infrastructure projects (capital only) that would improve Radyr & Morganstown. Whilst we knew that the initiative stemmed from a request from Cardiff Council for potential projects to be funded by S106 monies, the challenge we gave our members was a more open question. Essentially, we thought that the R&MCC needs to know of any aspirational ideas suggested by residents, whether or not they could strictly be considered as S106 projects.

We have had a good response, which can be summarised as follows:

IDEA	COMMENT
GENERALLY IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT	
Improve the prettiness of the turning up to Bryn Derwen - e.g. bulbs and evergreen shrubs	
More benches to be installed around the area	Various locations have been suggested. Encouragement for people to walk.
More bus shelters and seats	Again, various locations suggested. Encouragement for people to use the buses.
Improving knowledge about the history and heritage of Radyr & Morganstown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical boards containing relevant information A social archive of the houses, the builders/developers, their owners over the years A centre for collection of photographs of 'old' Radyr and Morganstown 	Generation/perpetuation of R&M as a cohesive community. Boards could be in various places. The RMA is already working on a digital archive of R&M but a physical repository would be useful. Consider additional blue plaques?
'Greening' of Radyr - clearance (of dead/diseased/dangerous trees) and re-planting of woods and associated areas throughout the community. Alternative energy provision to all community buildings. Solar panels on scout hut, guide hut, Church rooms, schools, golf/tennis/cricket clubs etc.	R&M Community Council could take a lead on this by being the promoters of a green policy and with generous grant funds to give to these groups.
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS	
Resurface the many roads and pavements which have been allowed to become unsightly and dangerous – not just with a quick overlay of tarmac	
Remodel Heol Isaf/Bryn Derwen junction to include either a mini-roundabout or traffic lights.	A dangerous junction worsened by speeding traffic.
Traffic calming measures - speed bumps, speed restrictions (20mph), additional speed cameras, etc	A number of detailed suggestions received.
Radyr Comprehensive and Primary School to provide short-term drop-off / collection areas for parents' cars within school grounds.	

More light-controlled pedestrian crossings	
Investigate options for stretch of pavement on Heol Isaf between the junctions with Min-y-Coed and Maes yr Awel.	Pavement is only on one side of the road, comparatively narrow and not well lit. Pedestrians are therefore at risk from traffic.
Investigate traffic flow and parking in Station Road and surrounding area, including residents parking in Windsor Crescent. One suggestion was for the Station Road shopping area to be made pedestrian only.	(Details of suggestions available on request). As a Station Road resident, I am aware that this has been looked at many times over the last 40 years, with no satisfactory conclusion reached. Note that Station Road cannot be widened because all the cables from the telephone exchange are located in the edge of the pavement and cannot be placed under a road surface. Any changes need to be agreed with the shopkeepers.
Change Windsor Gardens into a car park.	Not a nice idea but practical. Essential if Station Road was pedestrianised.
PLAY AREAS	
Parc Radur – carry out the promised work	
Pentwyn Park – a ‘wasted space’ with a lot of potential. Introduce proper play facilities. Possibly install a boules pitch.	There are currently no play facilities in Castle View
Bring Junction Terrace play area up to an acceptable standard, and keep it there.	
Install a free play facility developed in Radyr for residents and those of surrounding areas	This was a detailed proposal. More details available. A link to this video was provided: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZxjZfpK8Qo
Upgrade the ‘football pitch’ at the bottom of Parc Radur to have a proper playing surface, together with fencing at the rear.	
Assist Bryn Deri School in installing a Multi Use Games Area	Use outside of school hours?
Provision of 'outdoor gym' similar to the one that is at the barrage.	Would benefit all ages.
SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE	
Sports Hall on the Mound Field	Much researched some time ago. Significant current account implications even if it could be built.
Covered tennis courts at Radyr Tennis Club - make Radyr the only club in Wales to provide such a facility - keeps Radyr at the top of the game in Wales!	Partnership funding with LTA and other bodies to build permanent covering to two tennis courts.
Social centre with youth facilities	Used to exist at the Comp. Could be combined with the sports hall.