



17th February 2021

2020/01588/ FUL – Old Police Station, St. Nicholas

This application was discussed at our meeting on February 3, 2021.

The former Police Station (built 1841) is believed to be the first purpose-built Police Station in Glamorgan, and is an important feature of the St Nicholas Conservation Area. Members of this council are pleased that the applicant acknowledges this in keeping much of the exterior of the building unaltered. However, there are concerns over the introduction of skylights to the front of the building, particularly as there appears to be an option to have them to the rear.

Members are concerned that what is proposed is effectively a “change of use”, without an accompanying “**change of use**” application. The description of “Live/Work Area” could be applied to the living room of any flat. The small office space in one of the flats is likely to be used as an additional bedroom.

Members also have concerns over the size of the proposed flats, the amount of light entering the ground floor flats, and possible exposure to high levels road noise. There is a well-established link between natural light in dwellings, and exposure to road noise, and the quality of life and wellbeing of the inhabitants.

Members would like to see the above issues addressed in documents on the Planning Register ahead of determination.

Cllr Ian Perry

For and on behalf of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council