



NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

ENGINEERING & TRANSPORT

ACTIVE TRAVEL OBSERVATIONS

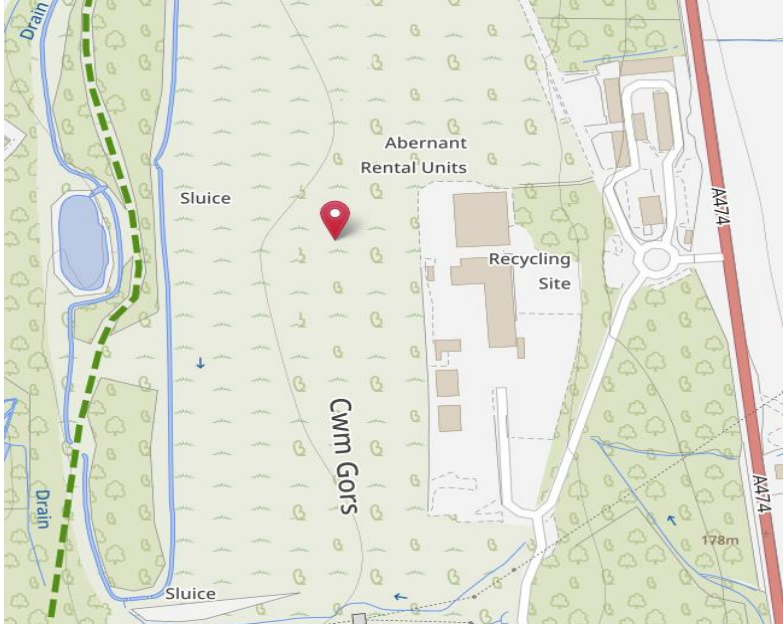
PLANNING APPLICATION NO:	P20260410
APPLICANT:	Dynevor Limited
LOCATION:	Abernant Colliery, Pontardawe, Swansea SA8 4SX
PROPOSAL:	Hydrogen Production Facility
PLANNING OFFICER:	

The **Active Travel Team** in responding to the above application, provides the following substantive response:

No comment	☐
No objection (subject to any specified conditions below)	☐
Concerns have been identified (see below for how those concerns can be addressed by the applicant)	☒
Objection – on the grounds set out below	☐

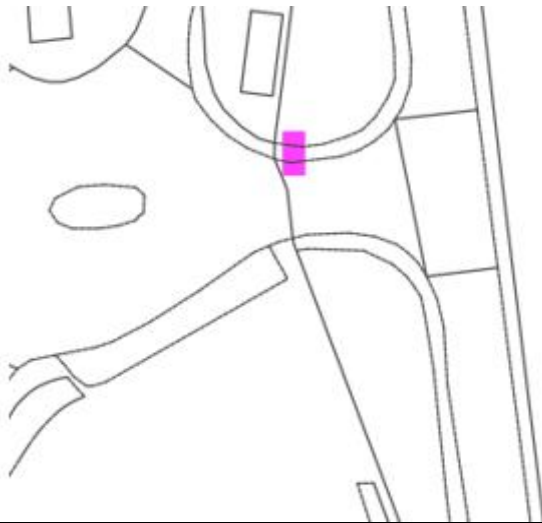


THE ACTIVE TRAVEL TEAM OBSERVATIONS ON THIS PROPOSAL ARE:-

1	Policy Requirements.
	All walking and cycling infrastructure should be designed to comply with the Welsh Governments Active Travel Act Guidance (ATAG).
2	Active Travel Links in the area
2.1	The Councils Active Travel Network Map (ATNM) shows a future route (dotted line) in the vicinity of the proposed development from Pontardawe to Cwmgors (FR-GCG-C001).
2.2	The future routes show where routes need improvement and/or a new link is required.
	Screenshot of NPT 's ATNM. 
3	Accessibility
3.1	In all areas where there are pavements and crossing points, dropped kerbs and tactile paving should be proposed and installed as part of this development. Additionally, consideration must be given to how wheelchair users will access the proposed buildings from the disabled parking spaces.
3.2	Please confirm all widths of proposed pavements in the site and that they meet Active Travel requirements,
3.3	Can a path be included to connect the workshop buildings to the plant buildings (pink) for walking/cycling. At present there only appears to be the ability to drive between the two.



3.4	Currently, there is no path connecting the proposed site to the main road or the nearest bus stop (highlighted in red below). Can a suitable path be installed to link the new development to the bus stop (highlighted in pink)? Additionally, a crossing point with dropped curbs and tactile paving is necessary at the entrance to the site to ensure disabled pedestrian access (highlighted in blue below).	
4	Widths	
4.1	There is currently a gate at the main entrance (pink). To meet active travel requirements, the minimum gap must be 1.5 meters therefore this may need to be rectified as part of this proposal if it is currently not meeting standards.	



5 Cycle Parking

5.1 The amount, type and spacing of cycle storage needs to comply with the Active Travel Act Guidance (see page 241 of the ATAG and extract below on the required number).

Table 14.4 – Cycle parking quantities for new development

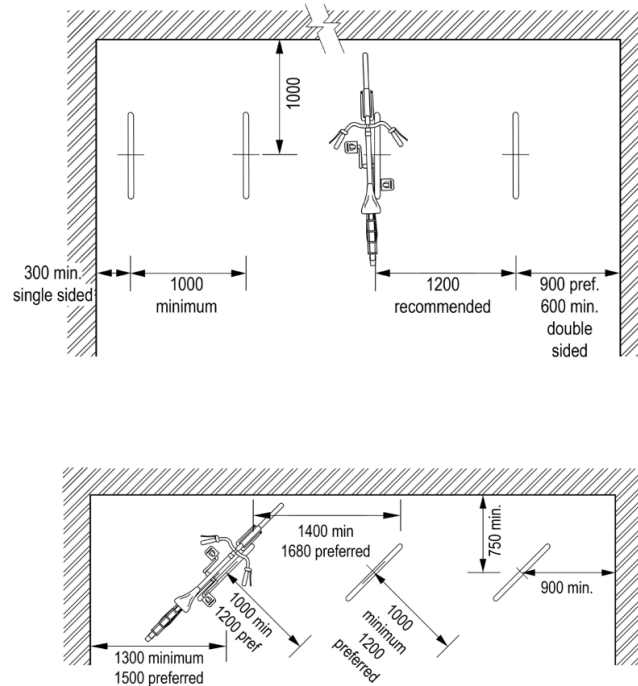
Land use type	Sub category	Short stay requirement (obvious, easily accessed and close to destination)	Long stay requirement (secure and ideally covered)
All	Parking for adapted cycles for disabled people	1 space minimum. 10% (up to 50 spaces) 5% of total capacity (over 50 spaces) co-located with disabled car parking	1 space minimum. 10% (up to 50 spaces) 5% of total capacity (over 50 spaces) co-located with disabled car parking
Retail	Small (<200m ²)	1 per 100m ²	1 per 100m ²
	Medium (200-1,000m ²)	1 per 200m ²	1 per 200m ²
	>1,000m ²	1 per 250m ²	1 per 500m ²
Employment	Office/finance (A2/B1)	1 per 1000m ²	1 per 200m ²
	Industrial/warehousing (B2/B8)	1 per 1000m ²	1 per 500m ²
Leisure and institutions	Leisure centres, assembly halls, hospitals and	Greatest of 1 per 50m ² or 1 per 30 seats/capacity	1 per 5 employees
	Educational institutions		Separate provision for staff and students. Based on travel plan mode share targets, minimum: Staff: 1 per 20 staff Students: 1 per 10 students
Residential	All except sheltered/elderly housing or nursing homes		1 per bedroom
	Sheltered/elderly housing/nursing homes	0.05 per residential unit	0.05 per bedroom
Public transport interchange	Standard stop	Upon own merit	
	Major interchange	1 per 200 daily users	



Table 14.6 – Space required for cycle parking

Situation	Dimensions	Area per cycle
Stands on street	1.8m x 0.5m	1m ²
Within building – minimum	1.8m x 0.5m spaces plus 1.8m aisle	1.35m ²
Within building – desirable	2.0m x 0.75m spaces plus 3.0m aisle	2-3m ²

Figure 14.25 – Recommended layouts and dimensions for Sheffield stands – perpendicular and echelon



NOTES TO PLANNER

None

DATE COMMENTS SUBMITTED: 03/07/2026