

Impact statement – Loss of Community Facility

5, Heol-y-Felin, Seven Sisters, SA10 9BD

(formerly known as the Royal British Legion Club, Bryn Heulog, Heol-y-Felin, Seven Sisters, NPT)

Seven Sisters is a small former mining village in the Dulais Valley, with a population of approximately 2,500.

The former British Legion Club is situated in the middle of an otherwise completely residential area, with the building being in close proximity to the adjacent houses. It was originally called “Bryn Heulog” and was built circa 1909 as one of three identical detached miner’s cottages, with a flat roof extension to the side and a function hall to the rear being added when it became a club.

Whilst we have been unable to positively ascertain the last date the Seven Sisters Royal British Legion Club was used as a community facility, we have anecdotally ascertained from local residents that it closed at least 12 years ago, and has not been used as a community facility since. Although structurally sound, it has fallen into a state of disrepair.

At present, the village is served by a range of community venues, all of which are competing for the limited trade offered by the low population. These include The Miners Welfare Club, the Bryndulais Public House, Seven Sisters RFC, Seven Sisters AFC, and Seven Sisters Community Centre. Given the population, there is negligible viability for a further community facility within the village,

The building has already been de-rated and is no longer rated as a commercial building.