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Subject: SMV Press Release #4 - Conflict of Interest at Cardiff Council Threatens Maindy Park Trust & Cathays School

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Dear First Minister,

The Save Maindy Velodrome campaign group today publish the attached briefing paper setting out Cardiff Council's legal responsibilities to the registered charity Maindy Park Trust and which explains how the Council can end their atrocious conflict of interest. For information, a copy is also being distributed to all Members of the Senedd.

A spokesperson for SMV said:

"The considerable and ongoing uncertainty must be very unsettling for parents. It is now over a year since they were sent a consultation by Cardiff Council for a new school on the Maindy Centre site even though the Council was fully aware that it would be unlawful to build on this land protected by a charity covenant. In the intervening 12 months the Council has not even initiated the process with the Charity Commission to see if the covenant can be changed providing that the loss of facilities and access at Maindy Park will be replaced with facilities and access that are at least as good as the current ones, and which provide the same level of legal protection in perpetuity."

"We believe it is time the Council dropped the pretence that they can act in the best interests of the Maindy Park charity when they have already tied their 21st century schools programme to using the park and clearly have an irreconcilable conflict of interest."

"We hope they will see that the only way to move forward is to have an independent trustee appointed."

Kind regards,
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