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KEY FACTS

Development
Mixed Retail

Client
Linnell

Sector
Retail / Commercial

Location
Blackwood, Caerphilly

Planning Authority
Caerphilly County Borough Council

Description
Transport Assessment, Travel Plan, LA Negotiations

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BLACKWOOD GATE RETAIL PARK

Project Overview

DW Transportation was appointed as the highways and transport consultant to provide the information required to support the planning application for a removal of the 'bulky goods' restriction at the Blackwood Gate Retail Park. The removal of the restriction relied heavily on highways and transport and after an extensive negotiation period with the local highway authority, we were able to demonstrate that the highway network, consisting of a congested signalised network, could accommodate the uses proposed for the site including some food retail. The removal of the restriction has proven to be vital to the viability of the retail park and the improved vitality of the local area.

Approach

DW Transportation director, Dean Watkins, had been involved with the development of the site since 2007 (6-7 years) and had developed a trusted working relationship with local authority highways officers. These relationships, along with our technical excellence and negotiating skills, are what finally allowed the Council to finally realise that retail uses, other than bulky goods, was what was required to lift the retail park from its previously downgraded and unoccupied state, to become a shopping destination for local people to enjoy for years to come.