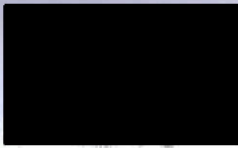


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Church Farm Consultation Team,

As an original inhabitant of St Athan, I would like to make the following observations on the proposed Church Farm development. Despite local opposition to the LDP's plan to build over 1000 houses in the parish the builders have gone ahead with their application to build 232 homes on Church Farm and it seems that the further development to the west of the village will soon follow ruining the rural character of the village I knew.

It seems to me that the Church Farm plan will be going ahead shortly. But there are still genuine concerns amongst present villagers, mainly traffic problems. The traffic in Gileston Road and through the village is already excessive, most vehicles ignoring the 20mph restriction and the highway being reduced to one lane at the north end alongside the school crossing patrol due to parked cars (see photo A in the application).

I think the entrance to the site should be at the Monument end. This would have given the Council ideal opportunity to improve the dangerous junction with the B4265 with a roundabout and also reducing the need of vehicles to enter the village via Gileston Road solely to visit the retail store which looks to be quite sizeable with over 80 parking spaces marked on the plan.

I should add that the LDP seems to have ignored the schooling needs of potentially hundreds of children and the medical needs of a vastly increased population generally. And where are all these people going to work? They would all need to commute, without even a railway stop despite a service passing just across the road.

