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Vale of Glamorgan Replacement Local Development Plan 2021-2036 DEPOSIT PLAN CONSULTATION

Public Consultation Representation Form

The Council is seeking your views on the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) **Deposit Plan**. The Deposit Plan is the next formal stage in the development plan preparation process and expands on the Preferred Strategy which the Council consulted on in December 2023 – February 2024.

The Deposit Plan is the full draft version of the RLDP, detailing the **overall strategy, development policies, land designations** (e.g. conservation) and **specific land allocations** for development (including new housing and employment sites) over the 15-year period 2021-2036.

The public consultation will run for 6 weeks between **Wednesday 28th January 2026 and Wednesday 11th March 2026**. Representations received after this time will not be considered.

Full details of the consultation are available on the Council's website at: www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/ldp or by scanning the QR code above.

The Council encourages representations on the Deposit Plan to be made via our **online consultation portal** available at <https://valeofglamorgan.oc2.uk/> however representations submitted using this form will also be accepted.

Representations are welcomed in both Welsh and English and this representation form is available in other formats on request e.g. Welsh, large print.

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*If you are acting as an Agent, please also provide details of person/organisation you are representing (Note: you will need to supply a separate form for each person/organisation you are representing).

11th March 2026

I have found the fractured and piecemeal format of the online RLDP to be confused and confusing. It has necessitated endless repetition, and I was constantly forgetting where I was and what I had already said. In consequence, I am writing here an overall narrative to pull it all together.

My objections begin with a critique of the lack of transparency, accessibility and ease of engagement within the consultation process. The difficulty in navigating the scattered information restricts many residents' ability to engage meaningfully. Such a barrier is against the stipulations of Planning Policy Wales for enabling inclusive consultation. The too-narrow time frame for such a mammoth undertaking has also proved an additional unacceptable barrier.

My objections are primarily against the proposed KS1 development at Weycock Cross. This will have significant negative impacts on existing residents. They lose green space and open landscape and at the same time must live with increased noise and air pollution. This seriously diminishes quality of life.

The measures suggested in the traffic 'mitigation packages' cannot possibly meaningfully ease the density of traffic that an added 700-900 cars entering almost directly onto the roundabout will bring. The current congestion and frequent gridlock will increase exponentially. This affects not only the residents on all the roads leading to, from and around the roundabout, but also all people travelling through it each and every day, not to mention its function as a main conduit for emergency vehicles passing between Barry, the airport and towns and villages further along the coast. No public transport links the site with shops, the railway station, the town centre, local schools or health services. Walking the long up and down route to the station and back is not feasible for the majority of residents. All who already live in the area know this. The new residents will drive everywhere.

The increased pressure that will be placed on health services, amenities and schools will break the systems. These are already overstretched. This site is not capable of offering its residents a good quality of life. It will however line the pockets of the developers.

The site already has flooding and drainage and foul water issues. Tarmacking over a large part of it will negatively impact this. Measures suggested by the developer will not resolve these. The flood risk and foul management strategies are incomplete. It seems that the culvert under the whole of Nant Talwg is not identified and is already backing up under heavy rainfall. The old system was not built to deal with climate change.

The KS1 NW Barry site is directly on a designated Green Wedge. This will not be a small group of dwellings but a housing estate of over 370 houses, extending the outer boundary of the town of Barry significantly, encroaching on the settlements of Rhoose. This was decisively rejected in the previous 2015 judgement of the suitability of the site for housing. No amount of word salad redefinitions will alter this fact. The arguments the council puts out for abandoning the Green Wedge at north west Barry would seem to be spurious, formulated to justify their own backtracking

on the reasons upheld for the Wedge in 2015. The loss of green space that housing and hardcore will replace is unforgivable. There will be less uncovered land to drain the increasing heavy rainfall. The impact on biodiversity will also be felt. Loss of habitat is a main reason for the drastic decline in wildlife species countrywide. Bats, field mice, otters, owls, raptors, wood pigeons and skylarks inhabit these fields. Swallows skim them in summer for the plethora of insects. Wrens and other small birds nest in the scrub and hedges surrounding them. From my garden I hear the songs of robins, wood pigeons, blackbirds, dunnocks, tits and goldfinches. Skylarks nest in them all through spring and summer, their songs lifting up into the air above us as they rise. These are endangered red-listed birds. Green woodpeckers probe our lawn, sparrow hawks sit on our wall, Jackdaws, crows and gulls circle the skies above us. Sometimes they are joined by buzzards or red kites. THIS is biodiversity.

Iolo Williams, Wales' most famous wildlife protanganist, says in Tyr Natur : "Cymru is one of the most nature depleted countries on the planet and despite conservation efforts our wildlife is still in decline."

These Green Wedge fields act as a wildlife corridor, (essential for successful breeding and survival) between the country park and the further landscape of our beautiful Vale. Take it away and it is gone for good. Yet more numbers of species will be lost. Wildlife is not just a luxury. It is the web that supports the health and wellbeing of all creatures on this earth, ourselves included. We should not lightly throw away what is on our doorstep.

Finally for me, as an artist and a gardener this aspect is close to my heart. Landscape, vegetation and wildlife are key inspirations. I garden organically with care for biodiversity.

For all these reasons, the KS1 housing development should be removed from the plan.