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To whom it may concern:

Candidate Sites 438 and 440

I would like to express my concerns for the planned development of the above sites.

Llanblethian is an attractive and desirable rural community surrounded by prime agricultural land.

The families who are fortunate enough to live in this community enjoy the many rural activities which this environment affords, and a country way of life. For the children, it is more important now than ever before that they engage with nature. Country walks, which are many in this community, will rapidly disappear should more building developments be allowed to encroach on the surrounding rural landscape. With it will come added pollution and a considerable strain on the infrastructure. It is completely inadequate to take the inevitable added weight of traffic onto the already over congested Llantwit Major Road which is the main artery for many heavy commercial vehicles from the Llandow Industrial Estate.

Taking these factors into account, I would strongly recommend that a more appropriate brown field site such as the disused airfield at Llandow be utilised.

Candidate Site 367

This is near a historically significant site, again putting extra strain on the infrastructure of Cowbridge. It is also an unnecessary intrusion into the countryside.

This attractive, small, rural market town is rapidly morphing into a larger more suburban dormitory community for Cardiff, effectively detracting from its' rich historical and traditionally agricultural identity. To add further housing developments on the periphery of the town will add unacceptable strain to the already congested high street and parking facilities.

Cowbridge has always been considered an attractive tourist destination, as well as a thriving agricultural centre. It is significant that agriculture which has been key to the economy of the area, has been pushed to the margins of the community with the Market Place being turned into a car park to cater for the influx of people on the recent development of Claire Gardens. Even this is inadequate with people parking in inappropriate places, and with it more congestion in the High Street and raised pollution. This is now; before new developments are added.

In consideration of the facts which I have outlined above, I would urge the Planning Department to reconsider where these developments should be situated, and preferably place them on the more appropriate outlying brown field sites.

Yours faithfully

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