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Dear Vale of Glamorgan Council Planning Department,

I am writing regarding the current consultation for the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP), specifically the candidate sites proposed for housing development in the Rural Vale area near Cowbridge.

I would like to formally express my strong concern about the inclusion of several greenfield sites for large-scale housing development. In particular, I am referring to candidate sites 367 (land on the bank approaching Cowbridge), 438 and 440 (between Cross Inn and Llanblethian), and 455 (Primrose Hill).

These locations form part of the rural landscape that defines the character of the Vale of Glamorgan and the setting of Cowbridge. Large housing estates on these greenfield sites would risk causing permanent damage to the countryside, the natural environment, and the historic rural character that makes this area unique.

The Rural Vale is valued for its open farmland, biodiversity, and scenic views. Development on this scale would place significant pressure on local infrastructure, increase traffic on already limited rural roads, and contribute to the gradual erosion of the countryside surrounding the town.

Where housing development is required, priority should instead be given to brownfield sites and previously developed land. For this reason, I believe that the potential redevelopment of site 448 at Llandow Airfield is a far more appropriate option, as it makes use of existing developed land rather than sacrificing valuable greenfield countryside.

I respectfully urge the Council to reconsider the inclusion of these greenfield sites in the RLDP and to prioritise sustainable development that protects the Rural Vale's landscape, environment, and heritage.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this representation as part of the consultation process.

Yours faithfully,
Thomas Lewis

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