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**RE: PLANNING APPLICATION NO:20136/00291/SC1 – NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD, ST ATHAN**

**REQUEST FOR EIA SCREENING OPTIONS**

Dear Mr Howell & Mr Goldsworthy,

I write with regards to the above Planning Application for a Northern Access Road to St Athan and I urgently request that an Environmental Impact Assessment is and essential requirement when considering a Northern Access Road in to St Athan.

I also feel that the plan for a South Western Access Road to St Athan which was presented to the Planning Committee some years ago with the conception of the Military Academy at St Athan should be revisited, assessed and the reasons for not adopting the plan made known. This plan would undoubtedly be a good option as again it would have very little impact on the environment or populated areas.

I feel that not all options for an access road to St Athan have been fully investigated or thoroughly thought out with regards to environmental and populated area issues. The fact that Planning Application No 20136/00291/SC1 exists goes a long way to confirm this fact. Another alternative which again should be revisited and reassessed is the Northern route starting from just South of Landow, travelling North of Frampton, East of Llanmaes entering the St Athan site at Picketston which is still fenced off as MOD/WDA Property and has a direct entrance gate to the proposed Aston Martin Lagonda Site.

 I object to Planning Application 20136/00291/SC1 for the following reasons:

1. This Planning Application is clearly part of the proposed development of the St Athan Enterprise Zone and therefore is not so much a local development issue but part of a major regional development.
2. This development could potentially have unusually complex and hazardous effects on the environment a follows, the area adjacent to Eglwys Brewys Road from the Old Brewery to Boverton Village has suffered serious flooding over the years and the building of a new road and bridge across the stream could have a serious impact on the proposed flood alleviation scheme for Boverton and Llanmaes.
3. This development is planned in an area which should be regarded as environmentally sensitive or vulnerable. I chose to live in the countryside and enjoy the peace and quiet and the wide open spaces that rural life has to offer, not only will my quality of life be affected through an increased in traffic, noise and light pollution but also that of local wildlife in the proposed planning area in theform of riverbank wildlife (amphibians such as newts and frogs and mammals such as voles) along with bird and insect life. Llanmaes will also attract a much greater flow of traffic through the village if the current access to Millands Park via the lane from Eglwys Brewys Road is denied.
4. Access to Millands Park is mainly via the lane which runs from Eglwys Brwys Road to Llanmaes, this lane is largely unsuitable for large vehicles especially to the North of Millands Park and is totally unsuitable for large vehicles at Llanmaes and unsuitable for every day traffic to and from Millands Park. If this access road is closed then residents are faced with a 2.8 mile diversion via Llanmaes.
5. There are a number of elderly persons residing at Millands Park with special welfare needs who are constantly visited by Health Authority Staff, Carers and ambulances and mini buses to ferry them to and from hospitals and meetings and the extra mileage and difficulty of negotiating narrow lanes could be detrimental to the operation and all concerned.
6. The other main point of concern is, that in the event of an accident or fire at Millands Park and if there is no access from the proposed new road or Eglwys Brewys Road then the emergency services are faced with an additional 2.8 mile detour before arriving at the scene of the incident, the time taken to negotiate this extra mileage could in the worst case scenario cost lives. If the Environmental Impact Assessment does not take into account the views of the Emergency Services with regards to accessing Millands Park then it is of the highest importance that their views should be sought with regards to the proposed planning application and their recommendations should be of paramount importance when any decisions are made.

Thank You

Yours Sincerely

Philip John Hole (Mr)