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South Glamorgan  
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Dear Mr Howell

**Planning Application 2016/00291/SC1  
Northern Access Road, St Athan  
Request for EIA screening opinions**

I am writing with regard to the above planning application and I am requesting the Vale of Glamorgan Council to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment. I think the information gathered would be essential to help inform any decision that would be made about any planning application for the Northern Access Road.

I would consider the following are key points for consideration and are based on Regulation 2 of the EIA Regulations and in particular paragraph 33 of the Welsh Office Circular 11/99 Environmental Impact Assessment. The three main types of case when an EIA will be required for Schedule 2 developments are for:

- a) *major developments which are of more than local importance.* With the proposed development being part of the St Athan Enterprise Zone this is not just a local development but rather part of a major regional development.
- b) *developments which are proposed for particularly environmentally sensitive or vulnerable locations.* This is a rural environment and there are a variety of environmental issues which could have an impact on the rural life and the wildlife of the area.
- c) *developments with unusually complex and potentially hazardous environmental effects.* For many years the area has experienced serious flooding difficulties and the road and construction of a bridge over the stream would have a serious impact on the proposed flood alleviation scheme for Boverton and Llanmaes.

On the basis of the Circular and my own knowledge of the area I think it would be important to have an Environmental Impact Assessment for this application.

Yours sincerely



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