I would like to object to the proposed building of 300 homes on farmland on the edge of St Athan.

The village of St Athan has recently had three housing developments completed already with no consideration made to the infrastructure. It can not be left to developers to provide infrastructure because, experience has shown us, once the houses are built and sold the developer moves on. The developers at Rhoose point promised retail outlets, playing fields and schools etc - none of which materialised.

A development of this size in St Athan will not work without a lot of upgrading of the infrastructure - BEFOREHAND

In particular - roads - there just aren’t the jobs in the area for this many people so they will in the most part be travelling along the already overused and undermaintained country lanes. People in the area do not use the Barry coast road because it is too congested so they resort to the single track lanes through Llantrithyd or The Herberts to get to work or go shopping.

I have seen over the last 25 years plans for a link road to the M4 from the vale come and go - Before any more large housing development in the Vale this needs to be addressed.

While I agree we need more housing in the UK as a whole I cant for the life of me understand why the Vale of Glamorgan would consider such a large development in such an unsuitable location - why do we need 300 homes in St Athan ?

There are empty houses on the old MOD estate that this land adjoins.

If its just a case of "we need more homes in general" then surely there are more suitable locations such as the huge empty sites around Landow which could then be linked to the M4. However this would need some sort of cohesive overall plan and instead what we seem to be getting is a few hundred homes in this village and that village all over the Vale without any consideration given to the impact on the infrastructure.

It may be in the farmers interest to say that this land is unusable but despite this the land that is proposed to be used has been farm land for 100s of years and is not unusable - yes it has a stream along the edge but this does not flood - farm animals have grazed that land as long as I’ve lived in the area.

Tony Yates.