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For the attention of Mr, I Robinson

Planning Officer

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**Re planning application 2016/01520/OUT**

Dear Mr Robinson

I am writing to express my concerns over the above planning application for residential development of up to 190 units with associated access and associated works on Land West of Swan Bridge Road, Sully.

This site is already associated with planning application **2013/01279/OUT** for 350 dwellings on the adjoining site which gives a total proposal of 540 units to be built.

One of the major objections to this application (and one that also applies to 2013/01279/OUT) is the consideration of the highways infrastructure. The transport assessment for the planning application 2016/01520/OUT refers to table 2.1 and figures taken from the 2011 census which indicates that at least 75% of the residents of the Sully Ward use their own vehicles to travel to work. The census also (by its own admission) does not consider non-employed road users who may be on the road at the same time. This can only mean an increase of road users which should have been considered in this census.

In point 3.16 of the **Wales National Transport Plan (March 2010)** one of the targeted aims is to **“To improve reliability, journey times and safety along the east-west road corridor in South Wales”**, and it beggars belief that an increase of a total of 540 dwellings on this site could result in this aim being achieved. Rather to the contrary it would be deemed to have a detrimental effect on primarily the safety of both road users and pedestrians, and secondly journey times will increase.

The site access to the total of the proposed 540 dwellings is by two new junctions, one on Cog Road and the other on Swan Bridge Road. Both new junctions will lead on to an already narrow road infrastructure, where vehicles are already having to travel with care.

This coupled with the proposed housing allocations in the Vale of Glamorgan’s Highways Impact Assessment of the LDP 2011-2026 showing proposed developments for Penarth of 380, Dinas Powis of 440, Llandough of 265 and Sully of 500 gives a total potential increase of 407.6% of vehicles emerging on to the Merrie Harriers junction at peak times, as shown in appendix C of your Highway Impact Assessment 2013.

This will also give concern to the increase of our carbon footprint. The additional vehicles on the public highway (that is already struggling to cope) travelling in a congested traffic environment at peak times will mean more CO2 pollution at a time when we should be looking to reduce this.

I would therefore question why this additional housing has been given consideration in an area that is already under severe traffic as encountered by local residents.

Yours sincerely

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