Sirs,

I wish to represent my displeasure at this proposal in the strongest terms possible.

I resent my taxes being spent on such a worthless project.

You defend the proposal by suggesting that an aerospace park will follow. I consider this preposterous. If an aerospace park was ever going to materialise, Metrix would have gone ahead, and the hangar that Aston Martin are converting would have been utilised from day 1. The absence of an aircraft industry at this part of St Athan signifies a lack of interest. Consequently would you kindly explain why building a new road would attract erstwhile non-existing interest? It appears only the council, (and the construction industry) want this road.

Whilst I am on the topic of Aston Martin, although I welcome their involvement in the locale, I would like to know at what cost to the Welsh tax payer. In short, how much have the council given them in tax relief, or “Inward Investment” as you may like to call it? Why are you not releasing these figures? Would it have been more cost effective to give every unemployed person in the area £100,000 instead?

Let us assume the road is approved, do you honestly think companies are going to flock to this aerospace park. No sir, no one will come unless significant, inward investment is offered. May I draw your attention to Norman Air; Bosch; NEG; Sony, et al? Were the profits retained in Wales? No sir. What happened when the inward investment ‘dried up’? Closures. You may consider that you are attracting companies to the area, in reality you are advertising an open cheque-book which as soon as it is closed, the company follows suit, IE they close. In short you are presenting a successful method of haemorrhaging tax payers’ money.

There may be an argument for a decent road in this area. However may I ask, is there a reason, (perhaps some ulterior financial purpose), why you cannot improve the existing road from Llantwit Major by-pass, passing Church Meadow and Eagle Rd? surely a cheaper prospect.

Ignoring the above I still have grave reservations, regarding the damage to the environment this new road will cause. Again surely improving the existing road would be a better option.

Further, the disruption to us, the local residents whilst the road is being constructed would be unacceptable. Again, surely it would be less disruptive to improve the existing road?

From my position the only people I see that will benefit are the ‘direct financial recipients’. There is simply no other ‘positive’, (?) to this proposal, yet many negatives are blatantly apparent.