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To: Goldsworthy, Marcus J
Cc: Marles, Debbie; Bird, Jonathan (Cllr); Watkins, Emma (Agency)
Subject: False Claim in document of "Broad Support"?

Categories: Matters Arising for 21.01.21

Dear Marcus,

I am very concerned with the statement at the top of page 29 of the report for the Planning Committee meeting on January 21.

What evidence is there to support the sentence, "There is broad support for the mitigation measures outlined and the encouragement for Active Travel provision and measures to secure a modal shift."?

Within the village around the church, I am aware of no support for any pedestrianisation, nor the removing of parts of the Village Green to provide footways, nor the proposed crossings. I believe it would be quite a serious matter if Members of the Planning Committee were misled by a statement in a report by Officers that suggests **broad support** from residents for a scheme that is receiving many objections - I have copied in Debbie Marles hoping for clarification on this. Statements like this may bring the Vale Council into **disrepute**.

The so-called Active Travel proposals would mean agricultural vehicles like that pictured below would no longer be able to enter or exit the village, nor would larger delivery vehicles. I do not know personally of a single resident in this part of the village who is in favour of this, especially those facing loss of earnings and access to fields.

Please explain to me, so I may inform shocked residents, where this "broad support" comes from. If you are unable to evidence the claim in the report, the report should be withdrawn. A correction and an apology must be circulated to all Members of the Planning Committee and the Community Council.



Ian

Chair - St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council