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Annwyl Cabinet Secretary,

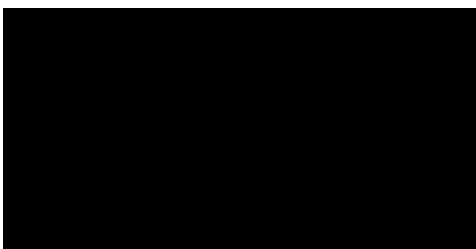
I was recently contacted by residents of the village of Llanmaes in the Vale of Glamorgan regarding the proposed development of a Lidl supermarket.

An application was submitted to develop a greenfield site within the community boundary of Llanmaes, which is the subject of a 'Green Wedge' application under the Vale of Glamorgan's (VoG) Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP). Building on this site would prejudice the RLDP process and the open 'Green Wedge' application. The VoG Council also approved the plans, despite a lengthy report from the Planning Officer recommending that the project be rejected. Part of the reason for approval was widespread support amongst residents of Llantwit Major. The lot designated for the supermarket is actually located in Llanmaes, and no effort was made to discuss the proposals with them. From the correspondence I have received, residents of Llanmaes are not in favour of this proposal as it stands.

The land designated for development was not included in the VoG Local Development Plan. If this development is allowed then it may embolden other retailers to try and seek permission to build on greenfield sites. The proposal also contravenes Welsh Government policy that specifically seeks to protect open countryside, as well as fostering biodiversity.

Residents have requested that the Welsh Government steps in to oversee this proposal and the planning process given the discrepancies that have arisen between the residents of Llanmaes, and the Council. Can you confirm that the Welsh Government will examine the proposed development?

Diolch,



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