

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Building a Lidl store in Llanmaes
Date: 17 February 2025 16:09:59

Hi [REDACTED]

As requested, here is Mr [REDACTED] email - [REDACTED]

Mr [REDACTED] doesn't reside in Huw's constituency and wrote to him as Cab Sec for Rural Affairs, that's why it was passed on to the correspondence team. Looking at the address he provided at the bottom of the email, he lives in Jane Hutts constituency.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Senior Caseworker / Uwch Weithiwr Achos
Huw Irranca-Davies MS/AS
Member of the Senedd for Ogmere/Aeolod o'r Senedd dros Ogwr
Welsh Labour and Co-operative/Llafur Cymru a Chydweithredol

Tel: [REDACTED]

PLEASE NOTE: I DO NOT WORK ON A THURSDAY (telephone calls will divert automatically to a colleague)

SYLWCH: NID YDW I'N GWEITHIO AR DYDD IAU (bydd galwadau ffôn yn dargyfeirio yn awtomatig at gydweithiwr)

As you may know, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on 25th May 2018. We take your privacy seriously. For more information on how I handle and protect your personal information, please read our full privacy statement which can be found on my [website](#) or by contacting my constituency office for a hard copy

Fel y pwysdych o bosibl, daeth y rheoliad Diogelu Data Cyffredinol (GDPR) i rym ar 25 Mai 2018. Rydym yn cymryd eich preifatrwydd o ddilrif. I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am sut yr wyf yn trin ac yn diogelu eich gwybodaeth personol, darllenwch ein datganiad preifatrwydd llawn sydd i'w weld ar fy [websaith](#) neu drwy gysylltu â'm swyddfa etholaethol am gopi caled

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 February 2025 14:29

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Building a Lidl store in Llanmaes

Good afternoon,

The below appears to be the responsibility of Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Economy, and Planning.

Grateful if you could share the correspondent's email below please? It seems to have dropped off when forwarding.

We are assuming that you have forwarded this one on for us to reply directly to the correspondent, but if you would like us to respond to HID in his official MS capacity, please let us know.

Many thanks. Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

Uned Gohebiaeth/Correspondence Unit
Is-adran y Cabinet/Cabinet Division
Llywodraeth Cymru/Welsh Government

From: [REDACTED] On Behalf Of [REDACTED]

Sent: 17 February 2025 11:40

To: Correspondence mail - HID [REDACTED]


Subject: FW: Building a Lidl store in Llanmaes

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 15 February 2025 08:33

To: Irranca-Davies, Huw (Aelod o'r Senedd | Member of the Senedd)

Subject: Building a Lidl store in Llanmaes

 E-mail protection couldn't recognize this email as this is the first time you received an email from this sender
pauljarvey03@gmail.com

Hello Huw,

I'm writing to ask for your support, as Minister for Rural Affairs, for a 'call-in' to the Welsh government, regarding the building of a Lidl store on a greenfield site in the village of Llanmaes.

2022/00907/FUL

2023/01161/FUL

Location

Land at Bridge House farm, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major

The original decision by the Vale Council planning committee, 9-6 in favour of the proposal from Lidl to build was a total shock to our village, as the Vale planning officer, ion a long and detailed report recommended the proposal be rejected. The Vale council went against the wishes of its own planning officer. This is key evidence in a 'Call-In' request.

There are many reasons why this proposal to build here is wrong and they are all laid out in the planning officer's report to the Vale Council. However, I'm asking for your support for the 'call-in' because of wider Welsh national considerations.

1. The land is not in the LDP for the building of a retail store. If this building goes through, it will embolden others, retail and other, to try to gain planning permission to build on Greenfield sites across Wales. They will quote this as a precedent reason to pass their own proposals. Lidl gained this advantage by canvassing all residents of Llantwit major to lobby their majority of councillors and made no attempt to contact a single resident in the village where their store would be built. Should canvassing by a large, non-UK and non-Welsh company effectively supercede Welsh government policy?

2. This proposal goes against Welsh Sennedd policy to protect open countryside and especially to protect Welsh villages. There is a notion of 'villageness' here and our villages are essential to the protection of our beautiful Welsh countryside. The building of a retail store within this village boundary would go completely against this policy. Lidl themselves were amazed that this was passed in the first place and you can guarantee that they will use this store, if built, as a reason to build more on untarnished rural land. This build would effectively ruin a very beautiful Welsh village. There are not that many left in the Vale. I wonder if the production company that made the episode where Gavin and Stacey got married would choose Llanmaes church as the wedding venue, if there was a blooming great supermarket in the background?

3. The building of this large supermarket would prejudice the RLDP process, where there is an open Green Wedge application on this parcel of land. Lidl will know this and it will be why they are desperately trying to rush the process through. Imagine how the passing of this proposal will encourage others to build before these major national protection considerations are potentially put in place which would have stopped the development.

4. There have been some maverick councillors - not all, 6 supported their planning officer and voted to reject the proposal - whose decisions were based not on policy, or process, but on short term and parochial support from people in Llantwit Major - where the supermarket is not being built. Again, others in other parishes may see this and feel it is OK to reject detailed and expensively-produced reports by their own planning officers. If other councils across Wales do this, what's the use of having planning officers who have researched proposals in far more detail than councillors ever would. Please lobby in support our 'call-in' which is now with Welsh government ministers, as you may already know.

Thank you!

Best wishes, [REDACTED]



Sganiwyd y neges hon am bob feirws hysbys wrth iddi adael Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn cymryd o ddifrif yr angen i ddiogelu eich data. Os cysylltwch â Llywodraeth Cymru, mae ein [REDACTED] yn esbonio sut rydym yn defnyddio eich gwybodaeth a sut rydym yn diogelu eich preifatrwydd. Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn anfon ateb yn Gymraeg i ohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi. ----- On leaving the Welsh Government this email was scanned for all known viruses. The Welsh Government takes the protection of your data seriously. If you contact the Welsh Government then our [REDACTED] explains how we use your information and the ways in which we protect your privacy. We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.