

Cyngor Cymuned Tregolwyn

Colwinston Community Council

Hazelmere,

Colwinston,

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28th March 2025

Rebecca Evans MS,

Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, Via email: Correspondence.

In support of calling in the planning application 2022/00907/FUL by Welsh Government.

Dear M.S. Rebecca Evans,

I am writing on behalf of Colwinston Community Council to add our support to Llanmaes Community Council, in their opposition to the proposed development of a Lidl Store adjacent to Llanmaes Village in the open countryside between Llanmaes and Llantwit Major.

Llanmaes Village is a well-known and respected settlement of residential properties within the Vale of Glamorgan, it also has great links with the farming community. The residential nature of the village and its agricultural links are always evident during the Village Fete. The village has an ancient and beautiful church in a wonderful setting, again something the village is proud of and reflects the very nature and age of the village.

After establishing that Llanmaes is a recognised village within the Vale of Glamorgan, then it is vital that its identity is protected and to achieve this, the separation between it and its near neighbour of Llantwit Major is vital. The gap between the village and the town of Llantwit Major is clearly identified and essentially marked by the B4265 road and the relatively narrow green belt on the Llanmaes side of the road. Should the integrity of this band separating the village from the town be degraded in any way, then Llanmaes could easily be identified as a suburb of Llantwit Major, as may be said for the nearby Boverton.

The argument presented above ought to be recognised as a key element of the need to protect important and long-standing features of the Vale of Glamorgan, principally the recognition that villages must be protected if the Vale of Glamorgan is to maintain its own “special features”, that is its villages and towns, avoiding the degradation of the villages.

Colwinston Community Council would also like to strongly support the technical aspects of the objections raised by [REDACTED] in the letter he has presented in opposition to the proposed Lidl development. It is clear the objections raised by [REDACTED] are based on fundamental parts of the planning and development controls that the Vale of Glamorgan Council, through its Planning Department, have held dear for so long.

Therefore, Colwinston Community Council would urge that on this occasion, the approval provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Planning Committee (contrary to the planning officer recommendations) is called in by the Welsh Government. This is such an important issue for the integrity of Llanmaes village that the decision should be examined at government level, where the broader consideration of the impact on Llanmaes and the wider impact on the Vale of Glamorgan may be considered.

Yours Sincerely,

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