

To whom it made concern , please find my objections to the Model Farm Development Rhooose Vale Of Glamorgan.

Submission to PEDW – Reference - PEDW CAS-02641-G8G7M5

I wish to provide, as one of the Councillors of the Rhooose Ward on the Vale of Glamorgan Council, a response to the appeal process currently being undertaken.

1. The application has already been refused, as part of the quasi-judicial democratic process, by the VOGC planning committee. It is unnecessary, in the wrong place, will irreparably damage the biodiversity on the site and requires public funding to be completed,
2. The grounds upon which the application was refused by the Council are very clear. Firstly that it will damage wildlife and secondly that it will cause harm to the heritage of the area.
3. Traffic issues are regularly raised as concerns by the residents of Rhooose. This proposed development will make matters worse. The Replacement Local Development Plan contains substantial new housing to built around Rhooose, has a proposed 500 acre Energy park at Aberthaw, and there's a new Aeronautical College being built. These, and other development will make traffic congestion worse, and there are no effective plans in place to provide active travel routes or sustainable public transport. The bus service is poor, trains are already at capacity, and hence the roads are the only way that people can get to work.
4. Model Farm have diversified the things that it produces. A major new seed business has been established and this is now and integral part of the Welsh farming food chain.
5. Welsh Water cannot be relied upon to be an effective custodian of the environment. It has been fined for not meeting performance targets, and it is culpable in releasing substantial discharges of sewage into the sea from the Cog Moors treatment plant. The Model Farm development would add to these problems and Welsh Water has no capital plans to rectify this problem.
6. Welsh Government policies require new developments to enhance biodiversity. This proposed development will destroy ancient woodland, protected species and isolate Porthkerry from well established routes of animal migration and access.

Regards

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