

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL AGREED BY COUNCIL ON
5TH MAY, 2010

QUESTION FROM: ANDREW VINCENT

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
AND REGULATORY SERVICES

**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMISSIONS TO
COUNCILLORS**

Have the Vale residents' submissions from the March 2026 RLDP Consultation Process been made "fully" available to all current Vale Councillors (that is unedited by Vale Planning or by any AI software)? If not, why not? Thus can Vale residents be assured that all current Vale Councillors should be fully aware of the unedited contents of all these submissions?

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QUESTION FROM: WILLIAM HART

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
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REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DECISION MAKING

I've come across many people who object to the proposed urban sprawl housing developments around Barry and Dinas but none who support them, so why do Councillors think it's in the best interests of the people they represent to force something onto them that they do not want?

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QUESTION FROM: MAX WALLIS

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
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**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN BIODIVERSITY
CONSIDERATIONS**

What changes does Councillor Ruba Sivagnanam propose to the deposit RLDP to bring it into line with the Welsh requirement for new developments to be accompanied by biodiversity enhancement proportionate to their scale and nature (as PPW12). The deposit RLDP uses instead the requirement in England for "net benefit for biodiversity" (cf. SP19). Will the stronger Welsh requirement be applied retrospectively and appropriate corrections to the supporting "Green Infrastructure Strategy" document issued?

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QUESTION FROM: JASON VINCENT-NEWSON

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
AND REGULATORY SERVICES

**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMISSIONS TO PLANNING
AND ENVIRONMENT DECISIONS (WALES)**

Will the RLDP submissions made by residents during the March 2026 consultation period be made available in full (i.e. unedited/unabridged) to the independent planning inspector? If not, why not, and what then will the process be to accurately convey the residents' objections registered during the RLDP consultation process?

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QUESTION FROM: MARY VINCENT

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
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REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IDENTIFIED SITES

In the light of Wales being the "most nature depleted country in the world" (Tir Natur website) why did the Vale RLDP not fully address options for housing development on the remaining brown field sites in Barry instead of making incursion into well-established green wedge farmland at the fringes of town?

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QUESTION FROM: REBEKAH VINCENT-NEWSON

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
AND REGULATORY SERVICES

REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN MEETINGS

What future Council meetings (Full Council / partial / Scrutiny Committee specific) are scheduled where any votes might take place which could in any way impact or affect the approval and adoption process of the RLDP?

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QUESTION FROM: CATHERINE HART

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
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REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN COMPENSATION

Will the Council introduce compensation for residents whose properties are significantly devalued as a result of the excessive new housing developments around the Vale?

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QUESTION FROM: MAXINE LEVETT

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
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REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – ST ATHAN

In reviewing public responses to the RLDP, has Councillor Ruba Sivagnanam accepted that calling St Athan area a "strategic growth area" seriously misleads readers, being inconsistent with Future Wales, where St Athan is defined as a rural area. Future Wales contains a policy of growth for local needs or our area. Is the RLDP therefore being amended to assess St Athan's needs and drop the two "key" development sites pending this assessment?

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QUESTION FROM: JULIA THOMPSON

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
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SEWAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

All of us will be aware of the widespread concerns regarding the regular, ongoing discharge of sewage into open water (rivers/sea) in and around the Vale of Glamorgan, due to the inability of Welsh Water's infrastructure to cope with the current levels of sewage and wastewater they are responsible for processing. Considering the proposals within the RLDP to add a large number of new houses to the existing sewage infrastructure, what concrete and specific actions are currently being taken, or are planned to be taken by Welsh Water and/or the Vale authority, to bring the current system up to the required standard now, and ensure that the system will be able to cope with the increased demand occurring as a result of future implementation of the RLDP?

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QUESTION FROM: STEPHEN FRASER

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES
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**REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN CONSULTATION WITH
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The Welsh Government have invested large sums of money into improving the existing transport links around the Vale in order to support future expansion of operations at Cardiff Wales Airport. In light of the fact that any future building development in the area of Rhoose and/or north or west Barry will have the effect of significantly increasing traffic delays in the area, in particular along the key A4226 road between Weycock Cross and the airport, have the emergency services been consulted in this matter, and if so, what discussions have taken place? Furthermore, what measures are being taken to fully model the potential impact of the proposed developments on the ability of emergency services to respond to a major incident at Cardiff Airport in the future?

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QUESTION FROM: EMMA REED

TO: CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES AND
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REPLACEMENT DEPOSIT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OBJECTIONS

Will the Cabinet Member please advise if the Objections raised to the Replacement Deposit Local Development Plan in Spring 2026 are to be considered by Council in October 2026 in order to meet the approved RLDP timetable?

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QUESTION FROM: DENNIS CLARKE

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE
AND RESOURCES

BARRY BIOMASS

Would the Leader agree that it is in the Council's interests to fully investigate reasons for the 2 large costs Orders paid to the developers in relation to the attempts at planning permission for the Barry Biomass project of a total of circa £1,000,000.00. The strong criticisms made against the Council by the Inspectors on the two occasions might demonstrate similar issues. It is important when cash is in short supply that the Council learns from errors rather than continue to make the same and/or similar errors on similar planning applications. A committee of Vale Councillors who were not involved in the planning applications could investigate and report back to Cabinet and full Council and, if appropriate, advise on how errors might be avoided going forward.

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QUESTION FROM: EMMA REED

TO: THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR SUSTAINABLE
PLACES

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

Much has been said over the past 10 years of the implementation of additional rail services on the Vale of Glamorgan Railway Line. The latest iteration of the Local Development Plan promotes massive growth in Rhoose yet its public transport options are woefully inadequate.

Can the Cabinet Member confirm that Llantwit Major and Rhoose stations are still to receive an additional train service per hour from December 2026 meaning that they have access to two trains per hour not one?

Also can the Cabinet Member confirm what plans there are to improve the very poor local bus services in Rhoose after the extra Council tax charged to residents in 26/27 for better rural bus services?