

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

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

QUESTION FROM: D. HILL

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, ARTS AND THE WELSH
LANGUAGE

**LACK OF ALIGNMENT BETWEEN PRIMARY FEEDER SCHOOL NETWORKS
AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CATCHMENT BOUNDARIES FOR RURAL
FAMILIES**

Will the Cabinet Member for Education and the Director of Learning and Skills address the systemic disadvantage faced by rural families due to the lack of alignment between primary feeder school networks and secondary school catchment boundaries?

Currently, rural families who send their children to their designated local primary schools find themselves excluded from free secondary transport because the Council's rigid 'nearest school' policy does not match historical or educational catchments. This forces a situation where some pupils receive fully funded transport, while neighbouring rural families are refused even the option to purchase commercial spare seats—despite the Department for Transport extending the PSVAR exemptions for home-to-school transport specifically to protect rural capacity.

What urgent steps is this Council taking to review its learner travel policy so that rural working families are not unfairly penalised by outdated, non-aligned catchment boundaries and restricted access to purchase passes?

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QUESTION FROM: D. WESTON

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND BUILDING SERVICES

WHITE FARM

The public footpath is covered in a large number of tension cracks. Probably, more per meter than there is without. There are also several areas where temporary heras fencing has been erected, presumably due to poor and unstable ground conditions.

Could the Cabinet please advise on the current plan to correct the defects and attend to the overgrowth? The situation has been ongoing for some time with little or no sign of the ground of works taking place that would provide a long term solution to the problem. Could the Cabinet advise on a timescale when physical works will commence and an anticipated completion date?

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QUESTION FROM: C. HAWKINS

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

COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

How many employees are there directly employed by the Vale Council 2025/2026?
And what is the wage bill?

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QUESTION FROM: B. SHAW

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

BARRY BIOMASS DEMOLITION AND SITE UPDATE

At the Council Meeting held on 1 December 2025, a reply to a Question to Council from a Council Member came from the Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources stating that a demolition application decision notice was issued on 7 November 2025, which includes a requirement for further approval of the method and means of demolition. in the form of a Demolition Environment Management Plan.

Was a Demolition Environment Management Plan ever approved, what was the method and means of demolition and what further progress can be made regarding the future of this site?