

*Michaelston Community Council
serving the Communities of
Michaelston-le-Pit and Leckwith*

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For the attention of the Inspector

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Dear sir/madam,

Michaelston Community Council (representing the communities of Michaelston-le-Pit and Leckwith) has studied the latest LDP in detail and several of its Councillors have attended meetings organised by the Vale Council and other local Councils. Several of these Councils have or will submit detailed representations with which we concur. For our Council however we have decided to respond by letter as there is one clear issue which greatly concerns us.

That concern is that the proposed housing developments, totaling up to 10,000 new homes, will have a huge impact on the road traffic into and out of Cardiff from the west and that a very significant proportion of that traffic increase will fall on two roads in our Council area, Pen-y-Turnpike Road and Leckwith Road. The Vale's own surveys have already stated that the junctions on these roads are already saturated during rush hours and so will not be able to cope with the additional commuting traffic that new housing will bring. There is little scope to alter these junctions or to increase the capacity of these roads without significantly altering their rural character which would be of great concern to our communities.

Of greater concern is the fact that the LDP does not come close to adequately addressing these infrastructure concerns. The only practical solution to the road traffic increase would be a radical overhaul of the railway links, but the LDP completely fails to address this. We understand the difficulties here, particularly as there are substantial financial implications, but we believe that it is unacceptable that the LDP contains concrete proposals on increasing housing whilst effectively glossing over the resulting huge infrastructure demands that this will create.

A secondary concern is that there is a significant piece of land between Llandough Hospital and Pen-y-Turnpike Road which is allocated for the expansion of the hospital. If this was developed it would add even greater traffic demands to Leckwith Road and we fear it could lead to an entrance being created on Pen-y-Turnpike Road which would have a very deleterious effect on its rural character.

Yours sincerely,

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