

I have read, on line, the draft VDS and, firstly, must congratulate you and your colleagues on an extremely comprehensive and detailed document.

I have a few comments which you may wish to incorporate in the Statement which are as follows:-

NANTMAWR QUARRY.

To put you in the picture, about 15 years ago Shropshire CC proposed that the quarry should form part of the County's Statagic Waste Plan with the intention to import vast quantities of waste (inert) under the owner's declared intention of using this waste to make the site safe for recreational use even though it was already being used daily for this purpose.

A campaign group was formed (CAD) and they presented a comprehensive case to a public inquiry supported by numerous documents, photographs and a video taken from a helicopter. Following the Inspector's response the County withdrew their proposals. Included in the documents presented by CAD was a detailed report from the international Civil Engineering company, Arup. Their report included detailed measurements which, together with the case presented by CAD and the site visit by the Inspector was sufficient to show that local roads are inadequate and unsafe to carry a significant increase in HGV traffic.

Therefore in terms of the VDS it should be amended to indicate that road safety was also a significant factor in the rejection of the County's plans in addition to environmental considerations.

It is important to mention that, following the deletion of the Quarry from the Waste Plan, the owner quite legitimately submitted a planning application outside the Plan which later was amended in the form of a supplementary application. Yet further information was requested from the applicant which, as far as I am aware, was never forthcoming.

I hold all documents re the above should you need to see them.

NANTMAWR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

I, and my wife, fully support the feeling that a limited amount of residential development would help reinvigorate the community. My wife's family have lived in the village since at least the 1700's and she herself was brought up here with her parents keeping the village shop and Post Office. She has seen many changes, most not beneficial although the absence of noise and dust from the quarry is welcome.

In terms of possible future development the VDS describes Nantmawr as a ribbon development however Planning seem to have the opinion that Nantmawr is a "clustered development".

However, clearly Nantmawr is at least a ribbon development or perhaps MORE ACCURATELY A "SCATTERED DEVELOPMENT" as a glance at an OS map will show that there are a substantial number of properties not on the main road. So, the VDS should, in my view, be amended to describe Nantmawr as a Scattered Development bearing in mind that there are a substantial number of residences which are not along the main road but along lanes leading from the main thoroughfare and in many instances a significant distance from that road. This discrepancy should also be brought to the attention of Planning. Their opinion that all those properties are not part of "Nantmawr" will come as a huge surprise to those living there!

I would be happy to meet to discuss these matters if you feel it appropriate.

Regards,

David