

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – APRIL 2014

SCHOOL BUDGETS

Many schools are experiencing difficulties with the level of funding provided by the Vale. It seems that especially affected are secondary schools. The exact position remains unclear.

CAERLEON ROAD – PLANNING APPLICATION

This application for 70 units has not been considered in depth by the Planning Officers to date and so they are not able to give any comments on the application.

ALTERNATIVE LDP SITES

With the huge number of alternative sites and amendments many residents are worried about the implications. It is important to stress that these sites have been proposed by individuals or organisations. They do not have the support of the Vale Council.

PLANNING BILL

Members should note that this Bill would significantly reduce Councillors' role in the planning process. It is allegedly meant to be a more streamline process. In reality it will mean less involvement by the public and more power for officials. We might consider objecting to this element of the Bill.