

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – JANUARY 2014

The Welsh Government has criticised the Local Development Plan on the grounds of a shortfall of housing, time of delivery and practicality. Below is an extract of the letter. There has not yet been time to properly consider the contents and the implications of the letter.

Vale of Glamorgan Local Development Plan – Revised Deposit LDP Welsh Government Representation

[WG]..... has concerns regarding delivery of the plan and the scale of growth being insufficient. A critical element for the plan will be the phasing, timing and delivery of sites, ensuring that the plan delivers the scale of growth in locations to meet the needs across the entire plan period. There are numerous allocations which are subject to significant constraints, such as sewerage and infrastructure, that would appear to impact on the viability, timing and delivery of key sites.

The implications arising from the economic growth strategy and the relationship to housing provision have not been fully explored. The scale of economic growth sought through the plan would suggest increasing the housing provision.

The Welsh Government's 2011 population projections indicate a potential downward trend in population growth for the Vale of Glamorgan, albeit the official household projections have not yet been formally released. This could result in a housing requirement below the Welsh Government 2008 household projection. However, it is considered that such a reduction would considerably hinder the plan's ability to deliver on the strategy, infrastructure and particularly economic goals. Based on the Council's evidence we consider there **is a shortfall of 500 homes, resulting in raising the housing provision in the plan to approximately 10,950 dwellings over the plan period.**

WINTER HIGHWAY PREPARATIONS

At a presentation held at the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Depot, at the Alps, Officers explain the strategy to cope with ice and snow within the Vale. The 4,800 tonnes of salt are at an all time high. The salt barn is at capacity with significant reserves under cover. This compared with the near empty barn four years ago at the end of the big freeze of 2010. The Vale has invested in eight high tech sensors across the County that constantly monitors the road surface temperature. Roads in Dinas Powys that are treated include Cardiff Road, St. Andrews Road, Argae Lane, Longmeadow Drive to Murch Road and Penyturnpike. In the event of a crisis only Cardiff Road is treated.