

The Right Honourable Rhodri Morgan.
First Minister.
National Assembly of Wales,
Cardiff Bay 22nd May 2008

Dear Mr Morgan,

Proposed Military Technical College and Aerospace Business Park, St Athan

As residents of Llanmaes we wish to submit the attached petition signed by 416 members of the community. These include signatures from all but six of the residences in the village, Millands Park and the community area.

Our concerns are particularly about the proposed Northern Access Road and the Service Family Housing Development, both of which are located on Greenfield sites, when there are many underused Brownfield sites available in the area. In addition, a new road in this position is unnecessary and difficult to justify, with alternative, less disturbing, options available.

These developments will have a major impact on our community, resulting in a trebling of the number of residences within Llanmaes. The lives of residents of Millands Park will be profoundly affected by the new road which will be adjacent to their homes. The road and housing development will also have major ecological and amenity implications for the community as a whole.

We address the petition to you as First Minister of the Welsh Assembly Government as we understand that these proposals and funding for the road stem from the relevant departments of the WAG rather than from the Metrix consortium.

We would ask your planners to reconsider the possibility of locating the Access road via an enlargement of the West Gate entrance to the existing base. This would avoid the destruction of green field sites, the considerable traffic disruption and the noise and visual pollution. In addition it is likely to be less costly.

Yours Sincerely

Elinor M Norris