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Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to you to express my grave concern of the proposed traveller site location in Pen y Fan Quarry.

There is a real feeling of betrayal within the community at large which is turning to anger at this ill thought out proposed location.

A traveller site brings with it a stigma which will devalue properties and put a huge strain on the community.

It is a well-documented fact of the filth, crime and antisocial behaviour that accompanies such sites. This is not being racist, this is being a realist!

Tyisha and the surrounding area has, over the years, done its bit to accommodate social housing. Langland Road, for example, has had social housing built at both ends of the original terraced houses.

Many other roads and streets have also experienced enormous change due to social housing in rented accommodation.

Our community has also had to put up with being on the doorstep of Station Road. This once grand respectable street was turned into one of the worst drug ghettos in Wales.

Indeed, I often suffer the humiliation of being asked 'how can you live so close to Station Road?'

The Station Road 'project' is yet another example of ill thought thinking that has had such a devastating effect on our town.

I would also like to express my concern at the clandestine way that this proposed development was passed. I, like many other residents, only found out about the proposal when a resident's survey was posted through our door. The fact that residents have resorted to developing, posting and collecting a survey gives a sense of the outrage within our community.

This led me to putting in some of my own research into the process, which, quite frankly, is well below the standard I would expect from a County Council.

To push through two consultations in 2020 when the whole of the UK was in lockdown is bordering on criminal.

A large majority of the community affected do not have the means to look at on-line publications, and, given that we were not allowed to leave our homes, how was this information expected to reach us?

A decision of this magnitude should have been communicated by letter to each of the affected areas. You could argue that the majority of Llanelli should have been made aware as this proposed location will have a detrimental effect on the whole of the town.

Having spoken to many other residents, there is an overwhelming feeling of worry and anger. This is only adding to the enormous stress that many families are feeling. Many families are having trouble paying bills and now this!!

I would also urge you to call a public meeting, inviting all of the residents involved to a suitably large location, in order to gauge the anger and outrage within the community.

Yours Sincerely

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