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Mrs Carol Madeley  
 Secretary  
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Dear Mrs Madeley

Further to you letter received 01/10/2009. (which was undated)

The way the residence association acted in this Winchfield project was in my and many others opinion incorrect, there should have been a general meeting so all the aspects, good and bad to be discussed.

Graig Penllyn is the village that is going to suffer possible negative consequences of such a development, thus the reason for a detailed meeting. The key to a successful community is to know what everyone wants and deliver a scheme that everybody wants, not just the few. Some of these concerns are listed below.

- Due to the nature in the set up of the two villages and the voting power of Penllyn over Griag Penllyn is it time for each to have their own residents association?, or is it time for the association to be disbanded?
- You mention the ongoing threat of house building development, are you saying that someone wants to build in the Winchfield? From your newsletter I understand that the field was a gift to the community. Were there any strings attached to this gift, and if so what?
- Do you realise that by placing these paths in the main field you will reduce the football pitch and competitive game would not be able to be played on it, it is at the minimum size now. In the future the villages maybe able to form a football team.
- According to your recent planning permission the pathway should follow the contours of the field. The drainage pipe work, which you are having installed, this maybe adequate for light or medium rainfall but will be useless in a flood situation as they would only be soak ways. You seem to put great faith in the contractors, South Wales Sportsground, are they experts in flood prevention?
- Whose decision was it to have a path in the first place? Who decided where these paths would go? What width ? What colour ? was it the resident's association committee decision?

- Maintenance currently does not exist in the Winchfield, grass cutting is ineffective, and hedge cutting is non-existent, hedge banks cutting non-existent.
- Pathway Maintenance – is non-existent. This is the responsibility of the community council, surely the residents association should be trying to make them undertake their responsibility.
- Football posts need painting, basketball post needs cleaning, if this is an example of what is going to happen to this new project it should be cancelled! Surely planning ahead is the best idea.
- You are proposing that the paths are going to be used by cyclists, skaters, mothers with pushchairs, invalids etc, are all these things compatible? Surely danger lurks with these combinations. Also these paths have easy access for motorised vehicles, small motorbikes, motorised scooters etc.
- There is always a chance that we will have outside influence which could cause problems which I have commented in my previous letters, don't bury your head in the sand, nothing may happen, but then again something may, such as vandalism, theft, burglaries, litter, graffiti, drinking and drugs. There is also a risk of gipsies setting up camp on the field especially with the good roadway access, this can happen of course at any time as it has in Treoes. At the moment our village is a well kept secret, I think we should keep it this way and cancel the project.
- I have great concern that due to the ever increasing coverage of the land either side of the Winchfield due to house building, and now a proposal to start covering the Winchfield with this path, the flooding when it comes will be much more serious as in the last forty years( twice this has happened)
- You still have not come to a conclusion about the Winchfield house yet, what ever happens I think the path passing this house should be cancelled. Nobody in their right mind would want this pathway around their house
- If this entire project goes ahead the car parking facilities would not be adequate for residents and outside users. Also, greater protection for the Winchfield house must be included. Where will all the extra cars be parked?
- Why was the path system chosen? Were there any other ideas that residents suggested? Could we please have the number of residents who voted for this development in Penllyn, compared to the number in Craig Penllyn?

Yours sincerely



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