

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

QUESTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL AGREED BY COUNCIL ON  
5<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2010

QUESTION FROM MRS. SIAN WOODFIELD

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND BUILDING  
SERVICES

**SEWAGE IN WATCHTOWER BAY**

Why is sewage being dumped into the sea in Watchtower Bay? The Council have and continue to receive extra revenue from housebuilders and new residents via poll tax. Surely the sewage treatment plants should have been upgraded to cope with the new housing developments. What plans do the Council have to remedy this totally unacceptable situation? This is not only unhygienic but there is a large group of open water swimmers and other paddle / water sports people who regularly use our beautiful bay for recreation and promoting good mental health.

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QUESTION FROM MS. SUE WHITE

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, EQUALITIES  
AND REGULATORY SERVICES

**SURFACE WATER RUN OFFS AND PERMEABLE OR POROUS MATERIALS**

The Welsh Government states that If you are intending to lay or replace a hard surface to the front of your house you must use permeable or porous materials; alternatively surface water run-off from an impermeable hard surface, such as concrete, must be directed to a permeable or porous surface to the front of your home. You can replace or repair a small area, up to 5 square metres, of existing hard-surfacing without using permeable or porous materials – for example to repair pot holes in a driveway, or replace paving slabs in an existing patio. Please can you describe how this ruling is being publicised in the Vale in the Glamorgan? Can you please also state if this ruling is applied in the consideration of new planning applications and whether it is being enforced? The replacement of gardens with hard surfaces is recognised as a contributory factor in the increase of surface water run off which is increasing the demands on the sewage system leading to the discharge of sewage onto Barry beaches at times of heavy rainfall. This matter is of serious concern to the growing number of people using local beaches. Representatives of groups including cold water swimmers and paddle boarders have formed a campaign group called Sea Users Against Sewage to press for action on the issue.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS. LYNFA DAVIES

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND BUILDING  
SERVICES

**“NEED” TO RELEASE EFFLUENT INTO RIVERS AND BATHING BEACHES**

What is being done to address the so called "need" to release effluent into our rivers and bathing beaches? Is anything being addressed with regards to water treatment on new housing estates? Which will inevitably impact upon our already stretched treatment plants... It's unbelievable that in this day and age we (the powers that be) are still flooding our waterways coastlines with raw sewage... especially with the increase of year round swimming, surfing and other water sports.

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QUESTION FROM: MR. TIM MCKINNEY

TO: THE EXECUTIVE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR PERFORMANCE  
AND RESOURCES

**MARKET AT KINGS SQUARE, BARRY**

Respectfully, might we see the Tuesdays' Barry Kings Square open air market  
return? We in the community found it to be a great asset.

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QUESTION FROM: MRS ANDREA LANE

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND BUILDING  
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**DROPPED KERBS**

What is being done to the requirements of fitting the dropped kerbs and re-assess  
the dropped kerbs?

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QUESTION FROM: DR. ALEXANDER BARRETT

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION, ARTS AND THE WELSH  
LANGUAGE

**SURPLUS PLACES AT SOUTH POINT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

At the last Council meeting it was noted that South Point Primary School currently has 60% surplus primary places. Over the next five years this is expected to fall to 14% surplus provided there is increased demand for 98 places resulting from 354 newly constructed houses to the north east of the railway line in Rhoose. However, the developer has submitted alternative plans for only 256 new houses to the north east of the railway line, of which 10 are expected to be single bedroom and unlikely to generate demand for primary school places. In light of this, what does the Council estimate the level of surplus places for this new school will be in five years?

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**DEMAND FOR ENGLISH MEDIUM PRIMARY PLACES**

How does the Council explain the fact that the housing development to the north west of the railway line in Rhoose has generated less demand for English medium primary places than was used to justify the closure of Llancarfan Primary School? Is it time to review the Council's modelling assumptions to prevent the generation of excessive surplus places from new school developments in future?