

'Regret' over bypass start delay

PRESSURE is mounting for a start to be made on work to build the vital Llysworney bypass which has again be delayed and now has a price tag of more than £1m.

Planning chiefs in the Vale have already written to South Glamorgan County Council to express their "extreme regret" that work on the bypass is not scheduled to start until 1995/96.

The matter will be discussed again by the Vale Economic Development committee tomorrow.

In a report Mr John Maitland Evans, the Vale's director of planning and environmental services says: "The council have pressed for many years for the completion of the bypass. A scheme was originally included in the 1982/83 Transport Policies Programme. . .but has been deferred each year.

Endorsement

"The scheme would not only bring about an improvement to the environment of the village but would also improve access to Llandow Industrial and Trading estates."

Mr Evans expresses his concert that a County report on the matter could be seen as an endorsement for a privately funded bypass involving housing development.

He says this should be avoided because councils could be coerced into agreeing to an unsatisfactory scheme purely to bring forward the bypass.

Villagers to stage early morning by-pass protest

LLYSWORNEY villagers will be staging a protest march on the B4268, Pentre Meyrick to Llandow road, at 7.30am on Monday (April 12).

The residents are angry about the lack of action concerning the continuing traffic problems which affect their otherwise peaceful village.

They claim that the increasing use of Llandow as a nationwide distribution centre, plus the expansion of Llantwit Major has caused the volume of traffic passing through Llysworney to grow considerably over the past few years.

A Vale of Glamorgan Council spokesman said: "Work on the main road, including planing and resurfacing, is scheduled for April 18, with preparatory work being undertaken on April 15 and 16.

"The council is very much aware that the solution to the traffic problems at Llysworney lies in the provision of a much needed by-pass, but the scheme has been excluded from recent capital programmes because of a lack of finance.

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"Alternative sources of finance have been investigated, but there is little likelihood of an immediate solution to the problem.

"It is not possible for a prohibition order for lorries to be implemented because such a move is not supported by the police, and orders instigated solely for environmental reasons are not successful."

The Llysworney Community Council's road sub-committee claim that: "The majority of villagers feel the council gives insufficient priority to this dangerous, inconvenient and much over-used link between Llantwit Major, Llandow and the country's trunk road system."

The villagers hope that this protest walk will draw attention to their plight and create a wider, more public debate. They also hope that by creating a traffic hold-up it will generate some action towards a solution.

The villagers have informed the police and they will be in attendance at the protest march.

Residents angry over 'dangerous' road



A Llysworney resident highlights the road surface problem. Villagers have also been calling for the construction of a bypass for the best part of a decade to reduce traffic congestion on the narrow stretch of road.

RESIDENTS at Llysworney are campaigning for something to be done to the "dangerous" road which runs through their picturesque village.

Despite being resurfaced in the autumn, the road is now littered with potholes and in some places the surface has been completely worn away.

Members of the Llysworney Community Association sub-committee, set up at the last annual meeting specifically to deal with the road problems, pointed out the worst areas of the busy road.

Mrs Hurst, a member of the sub-committee, said: "It was obvious it was the wrong surface because there was lots of loose gravel.

"There was so much that it blocked the drains, resulting in four months of continuous flooding which washed the gravel down into the village pond."

The road is an extremely busy one, being the main link between the industrial estates at Llandow and the A48 and there have been persistent calls for the construction of a bypass.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "Discussions are currently in progress relating to a number of options for improvement to the road surface between Llandow and Llysworney and remedial works, which need to be carried out in warm weather, will be programmed as soon as possible."

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