

APPENDIX D

The Residents of Eglwys Nunydd and St Davids

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Director of Environment and Regeneration

NPT Council

The Quays

Britton Ferry

Eglwys Nunydd

Margam

Port Talbot

Footpath along Water St Margam.

For several years our community of Eglwys Nunydd and St David's Park have campaigned for the placement of a footpath from the main A48 to both villages and beyond. Without this footpath we remain isolated as a community, with no bus route, and no safe path to gain access to a bus stop, town, or other villages.

Our Local councillor has been very active over several years in trying to persuade the council to establish such a footpath without success.

Two major issues have now adversely affected our safety as individuals, and our children using this road to gain access to the A48 and beyond.

The issues are the promotion of the road that has become the main driveway for HGV's, Articulated lorries, wide loads, delivery vans operating from the Kenfig industrial estate and secondly the pandemic, where the stay at home and exercise from home directive applied.

Since the expansion of factories at the Kenfig industrial estate the amount of traffic over recent months has tripled through-out the day and night beyond compare from previous years, and yet those of us wanting to walk or ride along this road, take their life into their own hands, as it is unsafe to do so without this path. As residents we have also seen litter increase due to the high flow of traffic, and even when we do the community thing, and collect waste, we again are risking our lives.

You can imagine our delight when we were told after all this time, the scheme to place a footpath from St David's Park right up to the main A48 had finally been approved and FULLY FUNDED by the council, and work commenced in April of this year.

We are therefore at a loss and deeply disappointed to find the work has been put on stop and no date for its commencement. We have asked our councillor for updated information, but he cannot furnish us with any of the details surrounding start dates as he hasn't been told himself.

We are now very concerned as a community that this project will yet again not proceed.

This footpath is vital as this road is an accident waiting to happen.

Could you therefore please provide the following information.

(A) Why has the start date of the project been delayed when fully funded?

(B) When will the project due date start?

Yours Sincerely