



Protect the Vale line: **Stop the Spur**



The Vale of Glamorgan has proposed a new heavy rail link from the Vale line directly into Cardiff airport.

Sounds OK doesn't it?

But if you look closer, there are 5 good reasons to oppose this plan.

It won't help Cardiff Airport which needs planes not trains

Cardiff Airport needs new air routes. They themselves have said that access isn't the problem. Bristol airport does very well without a direct rail link.

It threatens train services to Rhose and Llantwit

Vale line capacity is limited - trains running between Cardiff and the airport would compete for space and resources with trains onwards to Rhose and Llantwit.

It will destroy local woodland and wildlife habitats

The rail link will cut through land containing ancient woodlands and habitats for birds, badgers and bat species.

It threatens local farming businesses

Local farmers are already unable to plan for the future and if the plans go ahead, the land required will make their businesses unsustainable.

It is a waste of public money

The rail link will need huge cuttings, a bridge and tunnelling underneath two roads - this will cost an enormous amount and the Welsh Government hasn't got a budget for it.

The Vale of Glamorgan has given us until Monday 2nd April to respond.

ACT NOW! STOP THE SPUR!

What can I do?

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