I strongly protest not only for myself but for the children of Port Talbot against the proposal by MOJ to build a super prison on Baglan Moors Port Talbot is this what you are telling us that our children have to grow up with, I defy anyone from the MOJ to accept this happening on their doorstep.

My reasons for my protest are listed

1. The proposed site is a C2 floodplain and under welsh office guidelines Tan15 should not be built on (this site was coincidentally downgraded to C1 at the same time proposals by MOJ were announced). If we have flooding will the MOJ recompense the damage for houses, furniture etc. This area holds a considerable amount of water at the moment with the buildings sited on the moors, the ground will not cope with a prison as well.
2. There is Covenant on this land restricting the building of this type
3. The site is in the middle of a densely populated area and would be overlooked hundred of residents, children especially. If a child is harmed in any way by the inmates being rehabilitated in this area, will the MOJ take responsibility for this?
4. There are 11 schools situated less than 1 mile from this site housing over 5500 children and another school presently under construction for another 1400 children the safety of these children should be paramount.
5. There is very heavy traffic in this area junction 38 to 41 becomes gridlocked at certain times in the day and we are very often in lockdown when the bridges are closed in adverse weather conditions.
6. Baglan moors is a flood plain and have to be pumped constantly this prison would be built on the last soakway on the moors and could cause flooding to residents and businesses also structural damage to properties due to the close proximity due to piling etc.
7. This site is a nature reserve with nesting lapwings and povers which are protected along with a variety of other wildlife rare butterflies etc, children are learning a lot about the wildlife in this area, you cant take that away from them.
8. NPT hospital has very limited resources with no doctors and a limited small A & E, We do not have a police station and our emergency services consist of three fire engines our social services health services housing services are all at breaking point we do not have the resources in this town to accommodate a large prison. Do you really think this is a wise decision? A child could need urgent attention in a hospital that has limited resources, do you really think that parent will agree for the inmate to be dealt with first.
9. This area is an enterprise zone/business park and this is what this area should be encouraging not a prison in fact a number of business are threatening to leave this area if this prison goes ahead!! Jobs will be creating unemployment, our economy in this town will be hit hard. We have the steel works and BP for years this is accepted as it brings jobs and money into the area, I can’t see what a super prison is going to bring. It will exhaust our services and ruin our town, who is going to take responsibly for the problems and destruction this prison will cause in our area.

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