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I am protesting against the proposal by MOJ to build a super prison on Baglan Moors Port Talbot 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).
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 by hundred of residents
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
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.
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.
10. The WAG have already been presented with a petition with nearly 9000 signatures opposing this prison.
11. We already have a new super prison on Berwyn so why don’t the inmates be transferred from Swansea there rather than building another super prison which Wales does not need.

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