Envases (UK) Limited is an aluminium aerosol manufacturing site that began its operations in Baglan Industrial Park in 1993 and has been successful since then with a huge business opportunity because of Brexit and other reasons.

As a manufacturing site it complies with Advanced Manufacturing requirements as we:
- Are capital intensive
- Own our own technology
- Own worldwide product patents.
- Have 130 people on board and out of them 100 have been in our company for more than 15 years. This is due to our strong professional career program.
- For your information I am attaching a comment published in a local magazine, ranking businesses in the Neath Port Talbot area.
- Buy from local suppliers where possible. In the 2016/17 financial year, Envases spent £2.3 million in the South Wales area.

One our main customers for many years - Unilever in Leeds - which is the largest worldwide user of aluminium aerosol cans, is expanding its filling facilities by 30% which could be an exceptional growth opportunity for our Company.

When - as their local supplier - Unilever informed us about its growth program (supported by the UK Government), we decided on an expansion plan at our site in Baglan Industrial Park and applied for planning consent which was granted to us by NPTCBC.

On 9th of April 2017 we learned in a meeting in the Aberavon Beach Hotel about the Welsh Government plans to set up a Type C Prison for 1,600 inmates within Baglan Industrial Park, using the same layout and building drawings as the Wrexham prison.

At that moment of time we decided to put on hold our expansion plans, being aware that Unilever – as do most multinationals - look for reliable + quality suppliers and has restrictions in their procurement policies in relation to the location of the suppliers.

This is hurting us very much because unless we speed up our growth, we are not going to be able to cope with Unilever's demand in coming years. As you may be aware, growth in industry takes time, as you have to expand the facility and bring new equipment to industrial production level.

May I suggest that you spend some time looking into what has happened in Wrexham, not only from the visual impact but also in the community where drug users are growing, even though the Wrexham prison project is still on its way. It was approved and construction began in June 2014 and it is still not finished.

As an observer - as we are an inward investment - it is difficult to understand why the Welsh Government is going to accept to be the new Botany Bay for the English.
We are extremely concerned with what is going on and would appreciate anything that you can do to understand in depth the pros and cons before a decision is taken.

Obviously you are very welcome to visit our site and revise all of these comments together.

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