



12th July 2021

2019/00871/OUT – Land at Model Farm, Port Road, Rhoose

Objection

The St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council considered this planning application to develop 44.79ha of agricultural land at Model Farm at our meeting of April 14, 2021 and resolved to object.

The proposal documents acknowledge that development at Model Farm will result in increase traffic volumes using the A4226 to Sycamore Cross, then onwards along the A48 through the villages of St Nicholas and Bonvilston.

Both villages already suffer **road noise levels that are harmful to the health and well-being of residents**, and increased traffic will make this worse. This problem has been recognised by the Welsh Government, and the Vale Council has been actioned, and has a duty to reduce the harm to residents of St Nicholas and Bonvilston from road noise.

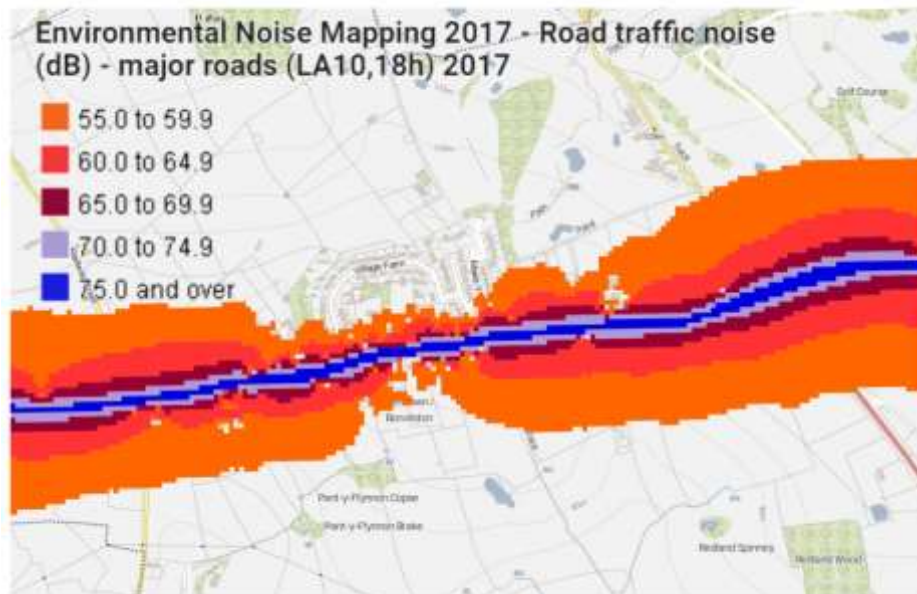
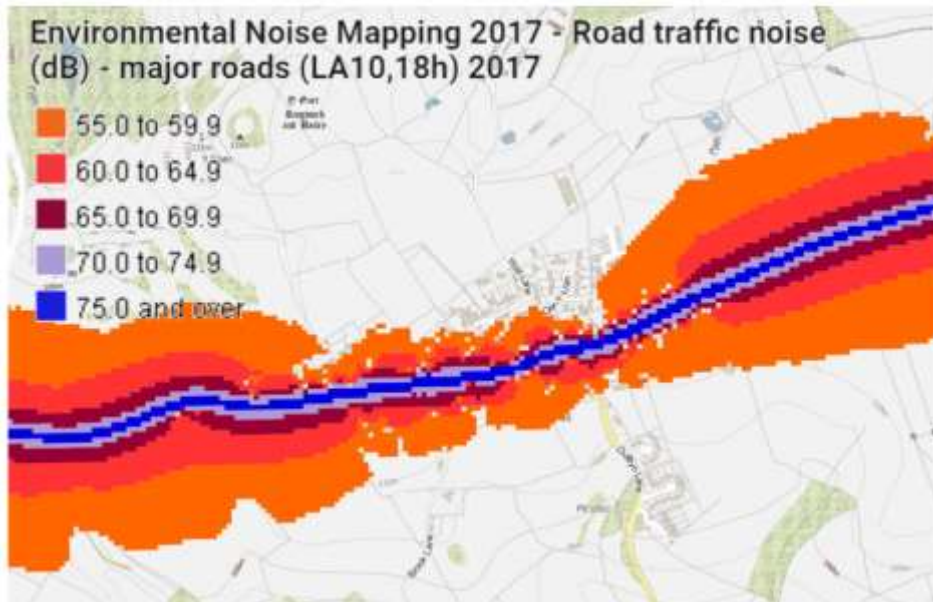
It's been suggested that Officer recommendation for approval of this proposal, without first addressing the traffic and road noise issue along the A48, and reducing it to "safe levels", may be **unlawful**.

On the following pages, are the results of Environmental Noise Mapping from 2017. This mapping is now outdated, as the opening of the new (A4226) road in 2019, to replace Five Mile Lane, has greatly increased the number of heavy vehicles taking this route, and as a result the level of road noise, particularly in St Nicholas.

We have also included the Transport Assessment below that shows significant and unacceptable increases in traffic volumes projected to pass through St Nicholas, should the development proceed.

Cllr Ian Perry

Chair – St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council



Both St Nicholas and Bonvilston have been identified as Priority Areas for the reduction of road noise, by the Welsh Government in its Noise and Soundscape Action Plan.



Figure 4.14: Total PrT and HGV traffic flow difference (AM)



Figure 4.15: Total PrT and HGV traffic flow difference (PM)

