

Questions (5) for the Full Council meeting on 24th October 2024 from David Cummings , Chair of the Gateway to Wales Action Group.

1. Monmouthshire has set permissible Nitrogen Dioxide levels at four times the levels recommended by the World Health Organisation . Why has MCC chosen a site , close to A40 , to build houses where the extra emissions from cars will further break those WHO levels and also create more PM 2.5 particulates ?
2. The catchment area in which HA4 is located already has phosphate levels exceeding the maximum permitted . Why has MCC chosen a site where run off will increase those levels and further pollute the Wye above where the drinking water for our town is extracted ?
3. Site HA4 is primarily Grade 2 prime agricultural land . MCC is bound to use the lowest grade agricultural land first . Why has it not chosen a site with poorer quality agricultural land ?
4. This site is close to the Wye Valley AONB and is the Gateway to Wales. Why have MCC chosen a site that , if developed , despoils and changes a view that has not changed for visitors since the Wye Tour of 1782 ?
5. We ask what assessment has been undertaken of the impact of the additional traffic exiting this site either for access to work via the A40 or into the town?
6. In view of the many issues with site HA4 should not an alternative site be chosen for Monmouth, such as CS0274 off Wonastow Road, which has far fewer issues ? Can the council agree to consider this option during the Deposit Plan consultation process?