

Dear Sir or Madam,

**St Athan - Home of the Defence Technical Academy and Aerospace Park**

As you may already be aware, proposals are being progressed regarding the redevelopment of Ministry of Defence (MOD) St Athan. Through the creation of new jobs and investment in the local and regional economy, this project represents an exciting opportunity for the area.

The development will chiefly consist of a new Defence Technical Academy, with associated housing and facilities, and an Aerospace Business Park. Following initial public consultation on the St Athan Development Framework in 2006, carried out by the Vale of Glamorgan Council (VoGC), the development team has been in regular contact with both the Welsh Assembly Government and VoGC planning authority to discuss the planning process.

We are now pleased to announce a new round of public consultation, which will take place in three distinct phases in the build up to a proposed planning application submission in the Spring of 2009. The first phase of consultation will take place in July 2008 with a series of drop-in exhibitions, which you are warmly invited to attend. The dates and locations are as follows. Directions are available on request:

**When**

Tuesday 15 July, 16.00-20.30  
Wednesday 16 July, 16.00-20.30  
Thursday 17 July, 15.00-19.30  
Friday 18 July, 15.00-19.30

**Where**

The Gathering Place, St Athan Methodist Church  
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Cowbridge Leisure Centre  
Llanthonyan Hall, Llantwit Major

As well as the exhibitions, there will also be a series of public workshops held later in the year. We will be using the first phase of exhibitions to help identify topics for these workshops, so it is important you attend and let us know your views.

At each of the exhibitions, members of the St Athan project team will be on hand to discuss any questions you have. In attendance will be representatives from Metrix, preferred bidders for the redevelopment of the Defence Technical Academy, the Welsh Assembly Government which is promoting the Aerospace Business Park and providing major new infrastructure for the entire development, and the MOD.

If you are unable to attend the exhibitions, we would be pleased to send you relevant materials directly. We are also in the process of developing a dedicated newsletter and web-site, which will ensure you are kept fully up to date with the latest developments.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0845 618 0016. You can also e-mail us at [enquiries@st-athanconsultation.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-athanconsultation.co.uk)

Your views really do count and we hope you are able to attend one of the exhibition dates.

Yours sincerely,



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