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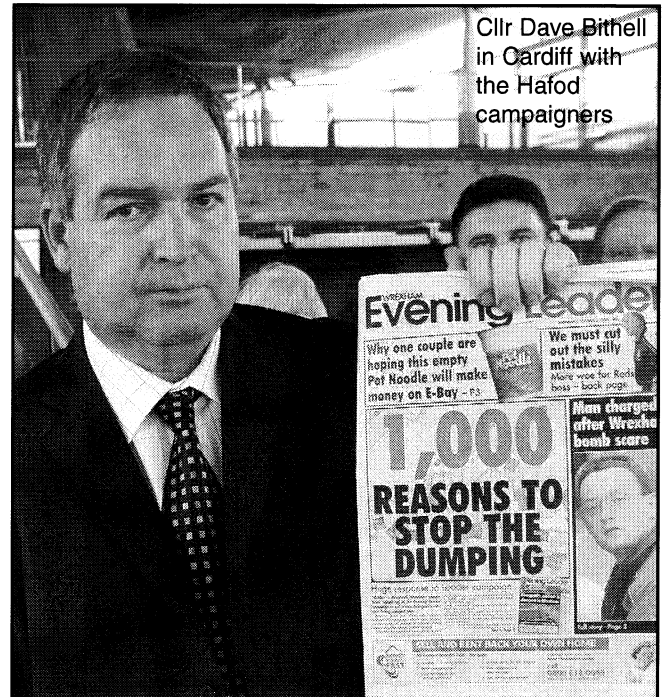
STOP HAFOD LANDFILL!

One of the biggest issues raised locally in over 20 years has been landfill at Hafod Quarry. The whole area, together with the *Evening Leader*, has rallied round to support the residents of Johnstown who feel they have been the victims of "profit before people" and democracy has let them down.

For the past two months lorries have carried tonnes of waste from Merseyside to Hafod to be dumped just yards from people's homes, despite a nearly 20-year fight to stop landfill at the site.

Many see this as an injustice and since landfill began in August the fight has continued.

During a recent planning committee meeting councillors were asked to modify the 1995 permission taking into account the Special Area of Conservation).



Cllr Dave Bithell
in Cardiff with
the Hafod
campaigners

The decision made to modify the permission instead of revocation was hindered by the threat of huge claims of compensation.

Eleven councillors voted for modification which allowed landfill to continue. Just six voted for the permission to be revoked.

People in the public gallery shouted "shame!" and "disgrace!" as angry residents left the meeting.

A 5,000-name petition was handed to the Minister for the Environment Carwyn Jones in Cardiff requesting landfill at Hafod is stopped.

David Bithell

Dave Bithell - working for the people of Johnstown

