

10th September 2019

Orders Branch,
Transport,
Department of Economic Infrastructure,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff.
CF10 3NQ
Ref No: qA1316455

Dear Sir/madam,

We as a family wish to object to the draft statutory orders regarding the proposed by-pass for Llanddewi Velfrey. The by-pass will leave us with a patchwork quilt of land parcels interspersed with lanes, new roads and old roads.

First of all, we have a 50 acre plus section of land to the south of the A40, with its main entrance near to the property of Bryncoed. On the land reference plan it is shown that the Welsh government are going to have the right of access continually all the way through at least 5 fields. In the second field, with the number 3/6ac the proposal is to construct a pond which will basically take up most of the field. This field is the only access to another 2 fields to the side and down to some of our woodland. The way the current plans are, a small tractor would have to go on a slope to go past the pond and along the side of woodland, to try and enter the other fields. A large tractor and trailer would not be able to go through. We need to be able to go along our existing access route and the pond needs to be moved. We would rather there was not one at all.

Also, along the side of the field, north of the pond, it is unclear how much room there is for farm vehicles to go through to the rest of the acreage. The entrance by Bryncoed acts as a natural pen for loading and unloading animals. With these 50 acres of land, we are seeking to summer let with the idea of annually renting it out in future years. This will prove to be extremely difficult, if not impossible, once a pond is constructed right in the middle of 4 fields restricting access and taking away several acres of this portion of the farm.

Further up these fields there is an entrance below the house of Awelfa, by an old quarry. On these proposals that entrance is to be shut off and another one placed right by the property of Awelfa 3/1a, so going straight into a field and reducing the land area once again. The current entrance does not use up valuable farmland.

Secondly, is the new proposal for a road back into the village which goes right through the field by our house and now we will have a road on the side and in front of the house. It would appear to come right up against the wall by our yard entrance, even taking out our oil tank. In April 2017, the proposal was to take off a corner of this field opposite Awelfa and to come out onto the old road once again. Why it could not stay as in the April 2017 proposals, I do not know? It was only going to take a small corner off the top of the field before and so would have still been well away from the house.

We very much oppose this new proposal as it will be far too close and we will now lose a good part of a vital field that we did not expect to lose. Also, we have been considering widening our gateway to allow the large cattle trucks and oil tankers to be able to enter our yard. This will not now be possible. There are only two fields directly by the farm house and buildings which we own and thus vital for animal husbandry and the holding as a whole. The road back into the village could surely come back onto the old road much sooner and take the bare minimum from this field, as was originally the aim.

Our third major issue, is with access to land north of Bethel chapel, which is accessible at present by the chapel. On the present proposals at 3/6ag, there is an entrance placed which enters onto a hilly part of the field. Vehicles could not go into the field that way, onto a steep slope. These 25 plus acres have an entrance that has worked well for over 70 years and cutting off the main road entrance cuts off the only decent entrance into all of this land.

Therefore, in conclusion we object to the scheme for the detrimental impact it has on our family home and farm. We also feel that the by-pass will be the end of the village as we know it, as it will finish off the businesses within the community. If in twenty or so years' time, a dual carriageway is built, then this will have been a pointless exercise.

Yours faithfully,

Sandra Rowlands

On behalf of Leslie Rowlands, Sandra & Moira Webb neé Rowlands