



Thomas Carrington

By email:

Your Ref: N/A
Our Ref: qA1316455 / R0036
Date: 15 January 2020

Dear Mr Carrington,

A40 LLANDDEWI VELFREY TO PENBLEWIN IMPROVEMENTS

I refer to your email sent on 19 September 2019 in relation to the draft Statutory Orders associated with the Welsh Government's proposals for the A40 Llanddewi Velfrey to Penblewin ("the Scheme").

All correspondence is classified as either an objection or a statement of support. Due to the contents of your correspondence, it has been classified as an objection to the draft Statutory Orders. I understand your objection to be based on the following:

1. Proposals for improvements at the junction of the lane leading to Blaen PenTroydin ("the Lane") and the existing A40 Trunk Road;
2. Provision of a passing place on the Lane;
3. Resurfacing of the Lane; and
4. Clarification of ownership and future maintenance responsibilities for the Lane.

I shall address each of the above points below:

1. Proposals for improvements at the junction of the Lane and the existing A40 Trunk Road

- 1.1 I enclose a plan (drawing number A40LVP-ARP-HGN-DR-C-0010_P01) showing the extent of the Lane for ease of reference.
- 1.2 The lane leading to Blaen-Pen-Troydin ("the Lane") is included within the draft Orders to:
 - a) provide access for additional users of the Lane to land that would otherwise be left severed by the scheme;

- b) retain the existing Public Right of Way that currently exists along the Lane to gain access to the proposed underpass, which provides connectivity between public rights of way located either side of the proposed A40 mainline; and
 - c) provide an easement (a right of access under Section 250 of the Highways Act 1980) for the Welsh Government and its agents to access the proposed underpass for periodic maintenance. (As a guide, General Inspections of highway structures are required every two years, and Principal Inspections of highway structures are usually required every six years).
- 1.3 Currently, entry to/from the Lane is obtained directly from the A40 trunk road. The location is directly opposite Preseli Petrol Station. The western portion of the entrance contains a cattle grid, and the eastern portion of the entrance contains pedestrian and vehicular access gates and posts.
- 1.4 Should the Scheme proceed, traffic travelling east-west along the A40 trunk road would use the new bypass to the north of Llanddewi Velfrey. The existing road through the village would be de-trunked, with responsibility being transferred to Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) as the local highway authority. Traffic levels along the detrunked A40 would be significantly reduced.
- 1.5 We acknowledge that you have planning permission (Pembrokeshire County Council reference number 17/1034/DC) This planning permission would allow you to convert the existing pedestrian and vehicular gate at the junction into a cattle grid (thereby widening the current access provision). The planning permission outlines that the existing cattle grid on the western portion of the entrance would be retained, and that an additional cattle grid would be provided on the eastern portion of the entrance, replacing the existing pedestrian and vehicular access gates and posts.
- 1.6 In delivering a major highways Scheme, the Welsh Government are bound by the requirements of the Highways Act 1980. The planning permission that you have obtained does not apply to the Welsh Government in delivering the Llanddewi Velfrey to Penblewin Scheme.
- 1.7 While the Welsh Government are not bound by the requirements of the planning permission granted to you by Pembrokeshire County Council, we acknowledge that the junction of the Lane with the A40 would require improvements due to the nature of vehicles proposed to be using the Lane once the Scheme is in place. As such, should the Scheme go ahead, the Welsh Government would undertake the works outlined in the planning permission that relate to the provision of an additional cattle grid at the entrance to the Lane.
- 1.8 While construction is currently proposed to start in spring 2021, I should stress that there are still risks to the proposed construction programme due to the statutory processes remaining and as such, given that the planning permission is only usually valid for a fixed term of 5 years, the works at the entrance of the Lane should not be delayed due to the Scheme. There is also a risk that the Scheme may not go ahead at all. If the Scheme proceeds through the statutory processes, the earliest that construction would start would be 2021.

2. Provision of a passing place on the Lane



- 2.1 As stated in paragraph 1.5, the Welsh Government are not bound by the planning permission that has been granted to you by Pembrokeshire County Council. In delivering a major highways Scheme, the Welsh Government is bound by the requirements of the Highways Act 1980.
- 2.2 We have reviewed the planning permission documents as part of planning submissions 12/0294/PA and 17/1034/DC. We see no reference in these documents of Pembrokeshire County Council's view that passing places should be provided along the Lane.
- 2.3 Given that large agricultural vehicles are now expected along the Lane, the Welsh Government would provide two areas suitable for passing along the Lane. One would be located on the southern side of the north-south section of the Lane (located approximately 160 metres from the junction of the Lane with the A40). The other would be located at the northern end of the existing north-south section of the Lane. These are shown on the enclosed drawing A40LVP-ARP-HGN-DR-C-0010_P01.
- 2.4 As well as the provision of passing places, the Welsh Government would undertake works along the Lane to pipe the existing drainage ditch on the western side of the Lane and infill the ditch with suitable stone/gravel. This would widen the existing Lane.

3. Resurfacing of the Lane

- 3.1 There are no proposals to re-surface the existing section of the Lane leading to Blaen-Pen-Troydin.
- 3.2 I acknowledge that the section leading north from the entrance to Blaen-Pen-Troydin would require works to bring up to a suitable condition. The specification of the surfacing for this section of the Lane is yet to be determined and is a matter to be determined during the detailed design of the Scheme, which would be undertaken following completion of the statutory process.

4. Clarification of Lane ownership and future Lane maintenance responsibilities

- 4.1 Table 1 within this letter details the land ownership information. The land ownership information identified in Table 1 is based on Land Registry records. Please refer to Sheet 3 of the draft Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) which should be read in conjunction with Table 1 of this letter.
- 4.2 It should be noted that, while a large portion of the Lane is within unknown ownership, the legal position taken when drafting the draft Compulsory Purchase Order is to assume that half of the Lane is within the ownership of the frontager of the adjoining plot. As such, there are no plots within unknown ownership within the draft CPO.
- 4.3 Upon completion of the scheme, ownership would revert to all persons with an interest on the Lane. Table 1 below details the plots within the draft CPO and which interests would have maintenance responsibility over those plots.

Table 1: Ownership & future maintenance responsibility Information

Draft CPO Plot	Current ownership (based on Land Registry Information)	Freeholders which would have future maintenance responsibility over those plots
3/3f	Alexander Lewis,	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands, William Gilmore Reynolds,
3/5	Mrs Eileen Lewis,	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands, William Gilmore Reynolds,
3/3h	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands, William Gilmore Reynolds,
3/3k	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands, William Gilmore Reynolds,
3/3p	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands, William Gilmore Reynolds,
3/3q	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands, William Gilmore Reynolds,
3/3r	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands,
3/3s	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands,
3/3u	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands,
3/3v	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands,
3/3w	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands,
3/6a	Unknown ownership	Alexander Lewis, Leslie Beaumont Rowlands,

Further information, including the Environmental Statement and other reporting, is available at <https://gov.wales/a40-llanddewi-velfrey-penblewin>.

In light of the above, I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing if you are now content to withdraw your objection to the draft Statutory Orders.

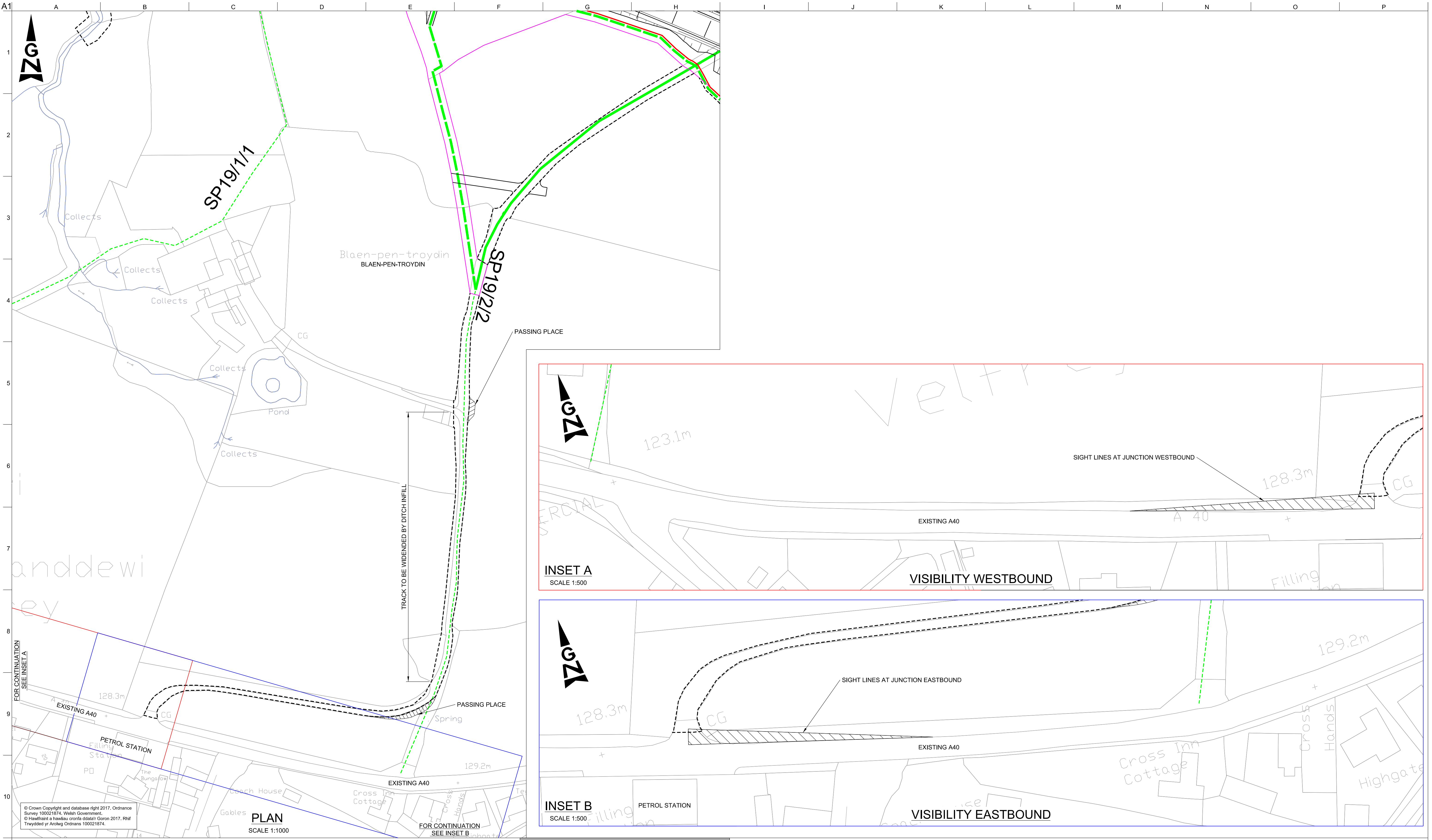
Should you require clarification, or wish to discuss the above prior to responding, please do not hesitate to contact the project public liaison officer, Martin Gallimore, on A40enquiries@arup.com or gov.wales/a40-llanddewi-velfrey-penblewin

Yours sincerely



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Project Director

Enclosures:
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- LEGEND:**
- HIGHWAY BOUNDARY
 - CPO BOUNDARY
 - - - - SITE EXTENTS (LICENSE OR EASEMENT)
 - - - - P.R.O.W - EXISTING
 - P.R.O.W - STOPPED UP
 - P.R.O.W - DIVERTED/NEW
- GENERAL NOTES:**
1. ALL DIMENSIONS IN METRES UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.
 2. ONLY WRITTEN DIMENSIONS SHALL BE USED, DO NOT SCALE.

SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

In addition to the hazards/risks normally associated with the types of work detailed on this drawing, note the following significant residual risks (Reference shall also be made to the design hazard log).

Construction	None				
Maintenance / Cleaning	None				
Use	None				
Decommissioning / Demolition	None				

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Drawing Title
**GENERAL ARRANGEMENT
BLAEN-PEN-TROYDIN TRACK**

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