



Ms Millie Smith

By email:

Your Ref: MILS/1120076/O4588191.2/MILS
Our Ref: qA1316455 / R0038
Date: 08 November 2019

Dear Ms Smith,

A40 LLANDDEWI VELFREY TO PENBLEWIN IMPROVEMENTS

I refer to your correspondence dated 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. The impact of the Scheme on the local and/or strategic electricity distribution network, or the need to ensure security of electricity supply in the area, has not been fully considered;
2. The Scheme does not adequately address how the electricity network will be protected both during the construction phase of the Scheme and following its completion;
3. The information accompanying the Orders does not provide adequate information for Western Power Distribution (WPD) to understand fully the design or construction of the Scheme and therefore the potential operational implications;
4. The Orders do not appear to fully detail WPD's rights that would be affected by the implementation of the Orders;
5. The information accompanying the Orders does not provide information on how WPD would continue to fulfil its statutory responsibilities as an electricity distribution company following the acquisition of the land; and

6. WPD are not aware of any provision in the proposed Scheme for replacement cable or overhead line routes and other electricity apparatus that would need to be relocated as part of its implementation. This could potentially result in a significant negative impact upon the distribution of electricity in the area.

I shall address each of the above points below:

- 1. The impact of the Scheme on the local and/or strategic electricity distribution network, or the need to ensure security of electricity supply in the area has not been fully considered;**
 - 1.1 Welsh Government's project team is following the advice given in SA 10/05 New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 – Diversionary Works, a Design Manual or Roads and Bridges (DMRB) advice note produced in conjunction with the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG).
 - 1.2 A C3 Budget Estimate (WPD Ref: 2382341) was originally provided on 21 January 2016. This C3 Budget Estimate is enclosed for information. The C3 Budget Estimate details the proposed diversionary works required, estimated costs, and estimated notice period.
 - 1.3 A revised C3 Budget Estimate (WPD Ref: 3188245) was requested in September 2018 to update utilities cost diversion estimates, and to communicate design changes to the affected statutory undertakers (in this case WPD). The updated C3 Budget Estimate was provided by WPD on 09 October 2018. This C3 Budget Estimate is enclosed for information. The C3 Budget Estimate details the updated diversionary works required, estimated costs, and estimated notice period.
 - 1.4 Engagement with WPD regarding diversionary works are ongoing. A C4 Detailed Estimates requested from WPD on 23 September 2019. This C4 Detailed Estimate (WPD Ref: 3493063) was provided by WPD on 11 October 2019, which I attach to this letter.
 - 1.5 You will note from the enclosed information that the Welsh Government have engaged with Mr Ben Jones, Planner (Pembrokeshire South West Wales).
- 2. The Scheme does not adequately address how the electricity network will be protected both during the construction phase of the Scheme and following its completion;**
 - 2.1 The C4 Detailed Estimate referred to above and attached to this letter, confirms that diversions or protection work will be required in a number of areas.
- 3. The information accompanying the Orders does not provide adequate information for WPD to understand fully the design or construction of the Scheme and therefore the potential operational implications;**
 - 3.1 As detailed in the C4 Detailed Estimate letter enclosed (WPD Ref: 3493063), the C4 Detailed Estimate is based on plans of the proposed works which were submitted to WPD on 23 September 2019. These have been provided in addition to the draft Orders in order for WPD to understand fully the design or construction of the Scheme and therefore the potential operational implications.



- 3.2 In addition, the C3 Budget Estimate obtained from WPD was based on plans of the proposed works which were submitted to WPD on 26 September 2018.
- 3.3 The C4 Detailed Estimate referred to above outlines the diversions or protection works required and details the provision of replacement cable or overhead line routes and other electricity apparatus that would need to be relocated as part of the Scheme.
- 3.4 Should WPD consider a meeting to help further understand the design or construction of the Scheme then please let me know.
- 4. The Orders do not appear to fully detail WPD's rights that would be affected by the implementation of the Orders;**
- 4.1 In preparation of the draft Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), the Welsh Government have identified those plots over which WPD have an interest in Table 2 of the draft CPO Schedule. These are listed on page 2 of your objection letter. Should you believe that these details are incorrect, I would welcome the opportunity for WPD to discuss further with members of the Project Team.
- 5. The information accompanying the Orders does not provide information on how WPD would continue to fulfil its statutory responsibilities as an electricity distribution company following the acquisition of the land;**
- 5.1 The C4 Detailed Estimate referred to above outlines the diversions or protection works required and details the provision of replacement cable or overhead line routes and other electricity apparatus that would need to be relocated as part of the Scheme.
- 5.2 It is not for the Welsh Government to define how WPD would fulfil its statutory responsibilities as an electricity distribution company following acquisition of the land.
- 6. WPD are not aware of any provision in the proposed Scheme for replacement cable or overhead line routes and other electricity apparatus that would need to be relocated as part of its implementation. This could potentially result in a significant negative impact upon the distribution of electricity in the area.**
- 6.1 The C4 Detailed Estimate referred to above confirms that diversions or protection work will be required in a number of areas and details the provision of replacement cable or overhead line routes and other electricity apparatus that would need to be relocated as part of the Scheme.

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

Yours sincerely



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Project Director

Enclosures:

- C3 Estimate Letter (WPD Ref: 3188245)
- WPD drawing numbers BJ3188245A-D
- C4 Detailed Estimate (WPD Ref: 3493063)
- WPD Drawing Numbers BJ3493063A-D