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To whom it may concern

We at Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth Object to the proposed 'A40 Llanddewi Velfrey to Penblewin' road improvements. The scheme is incompatible with the wellbeing of future generations, in particular the need to respond to the climate emergency.

Planning Policy Wales (Edition 10, December 2018) talks about *“avoiding the creation of car-based developments”* and *“encouraging accessibility by sustainable non-car modes”*. The proposed scheme would do the opposite. Planning Policy Wales also states that *“It is Welsh Government policy to require the use of a sustainable transport hierarchy in relation to new development”*; the hierarchy places private motor vehicles at the bottom. If the Welsh Government were to order that the A40 scheme goes ahead, would they not be acting in contradiction of their own policy?

A *'Globally Responsible Wales'* would be improving public transport, not making private motoring more attractive.

One of the reasons given in 2010 for the proposed A40 scheme was that the road has a poor safety record. There do not appear to be any significant safety issues on the relevant section of the A40, except within

The main issue therefore appears to be community severance in Llanddewi Velfrey. 75% of respondents to the consultation were residents, with strong support for 'improvements' east of *“Of greatest concern was the excessive speed of traffic followed by poor safety for pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists.”*

The proposed bypass would cause unacceptable damage to ancient woodland north of *_____*. It would also result in a loss of passing trade for local businesses. These impacts could be avoided if alternatives to the bypass were pursued instead. Such alternatives could include:

- provision of an underpass near the war memorial in *_____*
- a further reduction in the speed limit through the village
- traffic calming measures
- pavement widening and provision of new pavements

These alternatives are likely to be substantially cheaper than road construction. The money saved could be better spent on improving public transport and making bus and rail travel more affordable .

We hope that the Welsh Government will recognise the environmental impacts of this scheme, and the contradiction of encouraging road traffic while declaring a Climate Change Emergency.

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