



Mr Graham Evans

By email:

Your Ref: GHE/MP/1824
Our Ref: qA1316455 / R0023
Date: 9 January 2020

Dear Mr Evans,

**A40 LLANDDEWI VELFREY TO PENBLEWIN IMPROVEMENTS
MR WG AND MRS PM REYNOLDS,**

I refer to your correspondence dated 18 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. Concerns regarding your Clients' private water supply which serves their agricultural land and farm buildings;
2. The proposed shared underpass is unacceptable due to cross-contamination with adjoining landowners;
3. Adverse effects on drainage on two fields in particular (including field OS 6727 (7122));
4. Use by the Welsh Government and/or delegated maintain agent of an existing internal access road for maintenance of an attenuation pond;
5. Accessibility to a private quarry and land to the north of the quarry;
6. Arrangements for watering of cattle given that the current route would be denied.

A topographical survey of your Clients' borehole and well was undertaken on 24 September 2019 with the assistance of your Client. Members of the project team met with you on 12 December 2019 to discuss the contents of your letter and to discuss our response as outlined within this letter. I have enclosed a copy of the minutes of the meeting of 12 December 2019 for your information.

I shall address each of the above points using the above numbering, where appropriate:

1. Concerns regarding the private water supply

- 1.1 Please find enclosed plan A40LVP-ARP-LLO-SWI-DR-ZL-0045 for information. This plan shows the extent of your Clients' land that is within the draft CPO. It also displays the locations of the borehole and well, based on the topographical survey undertaken on 24 September 2019. We can confirm that both the borehole and well are located outside the footprint of the permanent land take required for the Scheme. It is however acknowledged that the gravity-fed pipework leading from both the borehole and well to the farm buildings would pass across the Scheme and would, therefore, be severed.
- 1.2 Where the existing means of water supply cannot be maintained due to the Scheme, an alternative means would be provided by the Welsh Government to ensure continuity of provision to each land parcel affected by the Scheme. Provision would be maintained throughout the construction of the Scheme. Your Client would be consulted on the proposals during the detailed design phase of the Scheme.

2. Proposal of a shared underpass at the boundary with Pentroydin Fach Farm

- 2.1 I enclose a letter, sent from Martin Gallimore to yourself on 29 November 2018, which confirms that the proposed underpass at the boundary with Pentroydin Fach Farm would be for the sole use of Pentroydin Fach Farm and would not be accessible from your Client's land. It also advised that access to your Clients' land to the south of the proposed A40 would be via new gated accesses and across the proposed overbridge on Llanfallteg Road. This arrangement is reflected in the published draft Orders.
- 2.2 This is the arrangement included within the published draft Orders.

3. Adverse effects on drainage within two fields (including field OS 6727 (7122))

- 3.1 As part of the drainage proposals for the proposed Scheme, drainage ditches would be provided along the perimeter to ensure that run-off from embankments is prevented from flowing onto adjoining agricultural land. Similarly, where the highway is located in cutting, these cut off ditches would ensure that run-off from adjoining land does not flow down the embankment and onto the highway.
- 3.2 It is acknowledged that the existing filter drains on your Clients' land would be severed by excavations for cutting slopes. However, these filter drains would be connected into the cut off ditches incorporated as part of the Scheme and would, therefore, continue to maintain drainage of your Clients' adjoining farmland. The specific details of this would not be determined until the drainage within your Clients' fields is encountered during construction.

- 3.3 The impact on the use of any fields both within the Compulsory Purchase Order or remaining in the ownership of your Client would be dealt with as a compensation matter. Matters of compensation are not normally subject to a Public Local Inquiry.
- 4. Use by the Welsh Government and/or delegated maintaining agent of an existing internal access road for maintenance of an attenuation pond**
- 4.1 The access track referred as Plot 3/2d on the draft Compulsory Purchase Order Plan 3 is intended to be used for access to carry out routine maintenance of the proposed attenuation pond located in Plot 3/2g.
- 4.2 Routine planned maintenance of the attenuation pond is expected to be carried out twice yearly. This will typically involve a single visit from a lorry tanker at each maintenance visit. Based on the intended frequency and nature of use for pond maintenance, it is therefore not proposed that any improvements are made to the existing stone track.
- 4.3 As the existing track is currently used by farm machinery regularly, we do not expect that the additional twice-yearly use by a single lorry tanker would have any noticeable detrimental impact to the track condition or integrity.
- 4.4 Recompense concerning the shared access of the track would be dealt with as a matter of compensation. Matters of compensation are not normally subject to a Public Local Inquiry.
- 5. Accessibility to a private quarry and land to the north of the quarry.**
- 5.1 With reference to the attached plan (*'Scheme Land referencing Pen Troydin Fawr A40LVP-ARP-LLO-SWI-DR-ZL-0045 dated 18/09/2019*), access to the remaining areas SN1517 (2930) would remain via the existing track through SN1517 (2138).
- 5.2 With reference to the same plan, access to the remaining section of the field to the north of SN1517 (1623) would be prevented by the Scheme. We propose that a suitable location be agreed with your Client to provide alternative gated access from the existing track which passes through SN1517 (2183). This would be dealt with as either a modification to the draft Orders or as a matter of Accommodation Works.
- 6. Arrangements for watering of cattle given that the current route would be denied**
- 6.1 Where the existing means of water supply cannot be maintained due to the Scheme, an alternative means will be provided to ensure continuity of provision to each land parcel affected by the Scheme. Your Client would be consulted on any proposals during the detailed design phase 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



Mark Dixon
Project Director

Cc:
Mr W. G. & Mrs P. M. Reynolds,

Enclosures:
Scheme Land referencing Pen-Troydin Fawr- A40LVP-ARP-LLO-SWI-DR-ZL-0045_P02
Letter dated 29 November 2018 regarding proposed farm underpass access arrangements
12 December 2019 - Meeting Minutes

Your ref
Our ref 263826-00
File ref

ARUP

Mr and Mrs Reynolds

29 November 2018

Dear Mr and Mrs Reynolds

A40 Llanddewi Velfrey to Penblewin Improvements –

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on the 1 November 2018 to discuss the A40 Llanddewi Velfrey to Penblewin scheme proposals.

The concerns you raised during this meeting regarding the proposed cattle underpass located at your boundary with Pen-Troydin-Fach Farm were:

1. You would not share use of the proposed underpass due to the risk of transfer of tuberculosis between neighbouring cattle.
2. You could only use the underpass for transferring cattle to the field to the south of the proposed A40 if full separation with the neighbouring farm was provided through the underpass.

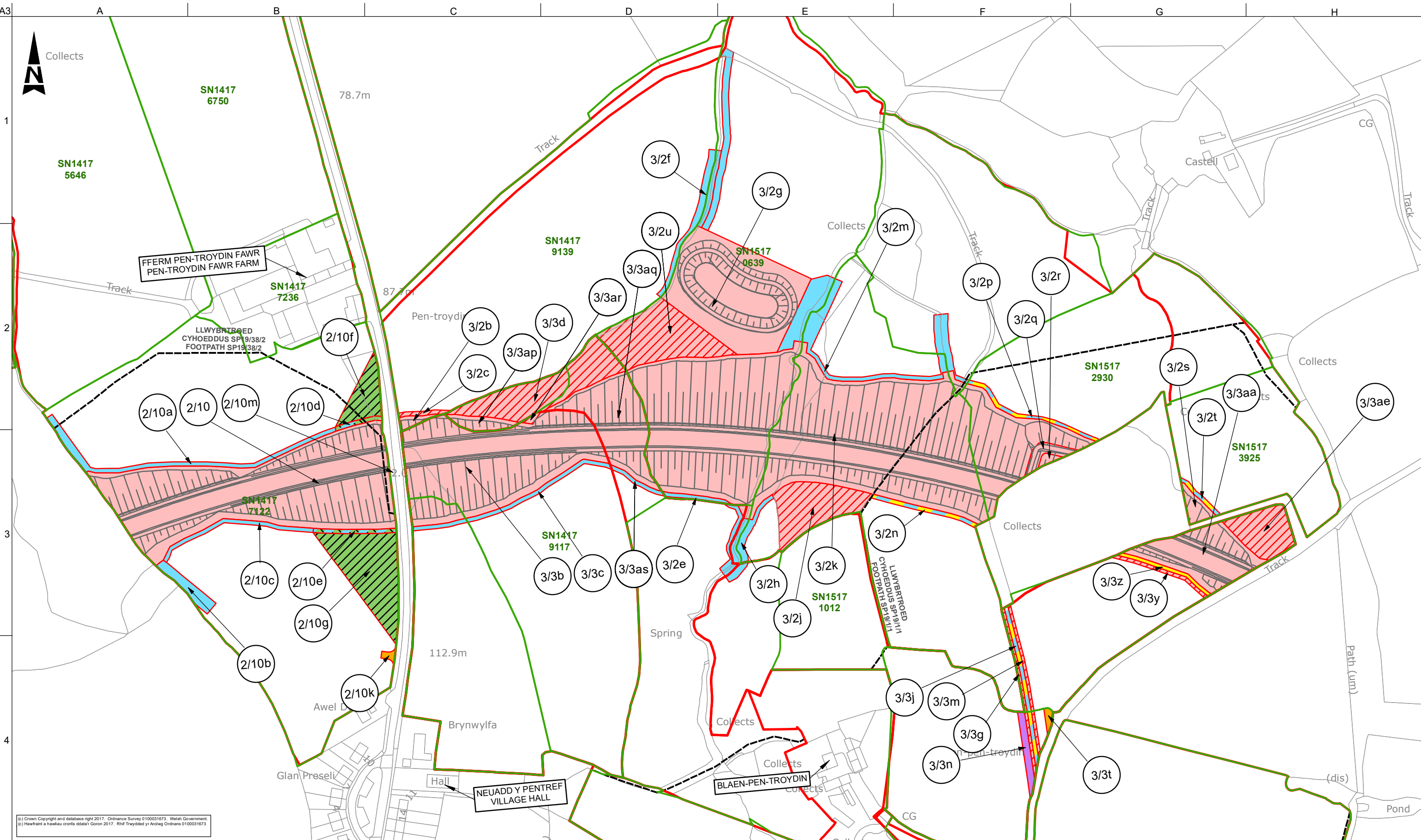
In response to your concerns we have reviewed the design and made the following amendments:

1. The underpass proposed will now be for the sole use of Pen-Troydin-Fach Farm. The draft Orders when published will reflect this.
2. Access to your land to the south of the proposed A40 will be via new gated accesses and across the proposed overbridge on Llanfallteg Road.

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact me by telephone or email A40enquiries@arup.com.

Yours sincerely

Martin Gallimore
A40 Public Liaison Officer



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LEGEND

Land Boundary	<i>Trwydded Hanfodol</i> Essential Licence	<i>Ffin Cyngor Tref a Chymuned</i> Town and Community Council Boundary
<i>Teitl</i> Title	<i>Teitl (Mynedfa Breifat)</i> Title (Private Means of Access)	<i>Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus</i> Public Rights of Way
<i>Lliniaru Teitl</i> Title Mitigation	<i>Trwydded (Mynedfa Breifat)</i> Licence (Private Means of Access)	
<i>Tir Cyfnewid</i> Exchange Land	<i>Dynodi</i> Dedication	
<i>Hawddfrait</i> Easement	<i>Tir sy'n eiddo i Weinidogion Cymru</i> Land in Ownership of Welsh Ministers	

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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Client

 Llywodraeth Cymru
 Welsh Government

Delivery Team

Drawing Title
SCHEME LAND REFERENCING PEN TROYDIN FAWR

Suitability
S3 | SUITABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

Scale at A3
 1:2,500

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