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I am writing to formally submit my objection to the proposed A40 Llanddewi Velfrey bypass reference number Qa1316455. Having been a visitor to Pembrokeshire, attracted in the first place by its unspoilt landscape I am disappointed to see that yet another road is proposed given the damage to the landscape of the A477 bypass.

Given the current need to address climate change, environmental damage and the increasing realisation that we need to protect natural resources for the future, schemes like this are a wasteful and short-sighted proposal which do not serve to solve a perceived problem.

The use of tax payers' money should be focused on transport schemes where there is real need to resolve the impact on the environment and congestion in the well-known areas on the M4 including Newport, Cardiff and Port Talbot. The requirement for additional road schemes would not exist once more time and effort is spent re-evaluating and implementing how to reduce traffic. Surely an easy starting point would be identifying how to use the already established but underutilised rail links that are in place from both Pembroke Dock and Fishguard Harbour for the Irish traffic which seems to be the real incentive for these bypass schemes. Once a road is built the damage to the land, the environment, the farming community and the aesthetics of the scenery is irreparable.

So I would ask you to carefully consider the implications of ploughing a road through the pristine and ancient landscape that people come to visit and spend time in, not drive through. This landscape supports people who rely on it for tourism and farming in Pembrokeshire and similar schemes would not be acceptable if this was in similar areas which are AONB and National Parks.



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