

A40 LLANDDEWI VELFREY BYPASS PUBLIC ENQUIRY

DOES IT NEED TO BE BUILT? ARE THERE ALTERNATIVES?

STATEMENT OF REASONS DOCUMENT

Statement of Reasons – Section 3 Need for the Scheme

Haven Waterways Enterprise Zone is used as a justification of the scheme, despite the fact that this area is supported by the A477. Large vehicle access from the A40 to that area is impacted by the low rail bridge at Merlins Bridge. It is now easier to access Milford Haven via the A477 due to the removal of toll on the Cleddau Bridge.

Statement of Reasons – Section 2 – Seasonal spike in traffic volumes.

The new roundabout at the east end of the bypass will cause traffic bunching. Poor design of the proposed bypass means that on the west bound section there is an overtaking section of only 2/3rds of a mile which is likely to cause risky overtaking manoeuvres as people use excessive speed to pass slower moving vehicles. Additionally, if the bypass is built then it will just kick the can down the road. The section of road from Redstone Cross to the start of the Robeston Wathen bypass has experienced numerous risky manoeuvres. Both my wife and I have been forced off the road by cars overtaking on this section. It shows a lack of joined up thinking by the Welsh government.

Statement of Reasons – Section 6 Point 2

This project does not appear to be part of an overall strategy to improve the A40. (No other projects are planned). Due to the new roundabout to the east of the village, there will be no time gained by users of the bypass. All the bypass will achieve is to create other problems in other parts of the A40. EG Redstone Cross to Robeston Wathen Bypass, and the section at Slebech. It would make more sense to tackle the issues of the A40 as a whole and not in a piecemeal manner. £60 million will be spent with very low net benefit.

Statement of Reasons – Section 6 Point 4

To reduce the number and severity of collisions – the use of 2:1 schemes have a poor record in Pembrokeshire. From personal experience using the Robeston Wathen bypass there have been numerous instances of cars travelling at excessive speed to get ahead of slow moving vehicles. It has become such an issue that the police frequently position a patrol car at the top of the bypass to deal with cars travelling at 70 – 80 mph. A similar position exists at the top of Pengause Hill. Cars travelling through Llanddewi Velfrey tend to