

The most important issue for us.

Noise issues – the mean measured weekday baseline was measured at Caermaenau Fawr at 46.3db. Both the EU and WHO consider long-term noise levels above 55 decibels to be potentially damaging to health. This is particularly the case with individuals with cardiovascular issues. I have high blood pressure and take daily medicine to treat it. As the road is going to be significantly nearer to our property and the noise level is likely to be above 55db. We would expect suitable noise reduction measures to be put in place. This is particularly important as we run a boutique B&B business. The guest bedrooms are on the south facing side of the house towards the A40. The additional sound will have a marked effect on guests at night.

We are asking that during the construction phase and to deal with the long term aftereffects that adequate noise reduction is included in the contract. Initially this should include the provision of double glazed windows for the whole of the south elevation of Caermaenau Fawr, and a berm with a tall hedge on top to offset any increased noise.