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Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-391
Ein cyf/Our ref CS/06282/12
William Powell AM

Chair of the Petitions Committee

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Dear Bill.

20th
June 2012

Thank you for your letter of 21 May 2012 regarding petition P-04-391 from Mr Tim ap Hywel, which asks for an amendment to the adopted eastern route to be along the far (south East) bank of the river Tywi, rather than along the foot of the town bank, and to cross the river near the railway bridge.

The current Protected Route for a bypass of A483 Llandeilo and Ffairfach was announced in June 2007 following a Public Consultation Exercise (PCE) in 2006. Four options for a bypass were taken to the PCE and are shown on Figure 3 of the 'Statement of Results of Public Workshop and Consultation on the Review of the Protected Route' (SOR) a copy of which is attached.

This figure also shows the "Refined Protected Route" which was developed following the PCE. The route minimises the impact of the bypass on the River Tywi, a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), its floodplain and views from Llandeilo. This alignment places the proposed highway embankment predominantly at the outer edge of the river ecosystems at times of flooding. In addition the proposed bridge alignment would minimise the impact on the River Tywi SAC.

The route suggested by Mr Tim ap Hywel could be promoted by him and others in the future as an 'Objectors Alternative Route' to the Welsh Government proposals. This opportunity would arise when the Welsh Government publishes its draft Statutory Orders, Environmental Statement and Statement to inform an Appropriate Assessment for the proposed bypass of Llandeilo and Ffairfach.

At that time the route would be agreed with him and a booklet prepared showing the 'Objectors Alternative Route' and the Welsh Government's proposal. This booklet would be circulated before the start of any Public Local inquiry (PLI) to enable people to either support or object to it. The Independent Inspector appointed to hold the PLI would consider the 'Objectors Alternative Route' during the inquiry and comment upon it in his Report.

If the decision was then taken to support the 'Objectors Alternative Route' it would then be necessary to restart the design development process leading to the publication of new draft statutory orders etc.

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