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*Dear Adam,*

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Thank you for your letters of 18 December 2017 and 4 January 2018 regarding the A483 Llandeilo Bypass.

I am unable to meet with you ahead of the final budget vote. However, I can provide you with the following update on the Llandeilo Bypass.

Work to develop the proposed Llandeilo Bypass project is well underway. The following Workshops on the scheme are being held this January and February:

Stakeholder Workshops - 16<sup>th</sup> January

The aim of the first workshop is to gather opinion from selected stakeholder organisations on the current understanding of transport problems, opportunities and objectives for Llandeilo and Ffairfach. This work will take into account the issues and objectives previously consulted on in 2007 but will ensure that they reflect the current situation in Llandeilo and reflect current Wales wide policy objectives and the current legislative context within which any future scheme would be developed.

Stakeholder Workshop 2 – 13<sup>th</sup> February

Will review with key stakeholders potential options for improvements that would help to address the identified problems and scheme objectives.

Public / Open Forum – 13<sup>th</sup> February

We will present the issues to the public and invite them to comment on potential options.

We are also procuring an Employers Agent to develop the outline design and undertake the environmental surveys for the statutory processes. They will be appointed in Spring 2018.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

We plan to provide more information on scheme options on our website in the next few weeks.

Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WeITAG) 2017 was published in December 2017 setting out new processes to appraise transport solutions. The decision to revise this guidance was made to reflect the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. Officers are currently assessing the full impact of the new requirements which will inform the programme.

Two consultants have been appointed in October to undertake this work, the initial stages of which will take up to 6 months to complete.

The WeITAG process starts with a statement of rationale for the project. This identifies the need for an intervention in the transport system and the development of a set of clear objectives. At the start of the process, we need to understand the current issues, set objectives, produce a long list of possible solutions and outline the range of likely impacts from the different solutions. Following the set process is essential to avoid challenge and delays through the statutory processes.

The scheme is included within the update of the National Transport Finance Plan which we published in December and which highlights the progress that has been made since the publication of the plan in 2015 and we remain committed to developing the bypass.

A review of procurement strategies and proposed changes to project delivery arrangements is being carried out following my recent review of infrastructure schemes. Once complete the scheme delivery programme will be updated..

I will ensure that you are kept up to date on the progress of the scheme as it develops.

*Yours ever,*



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