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Dear Adam

Thank you for your letter of 20 July, following our meeting of 17 July regarding the A483 Llandeilo Bypass.

We previously wrote to you on the 28 January updating you on the latest position. To recap, the WelTAG Stage 2 public exhibition and consultation event was delayed due to feedback from the independent review panel.

At that time, we were planning to hold the exhibition event in April, however this was subsequently cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In the interim period, officials and consultants have been progressing with a number of tasks prioritising options that best contribute to the well-being goals and scheme objectives.

Recently the project team have been remotely engaging with the stakeholders and members of the public to progress the project. The team has consulted with the businesses on Rhosmaen Street in Llandeilo, but this, unfortunately, resulted in low levels of responses (8 no questionnaires returned from 64). We are now in the process of re-planning an exhibition and consultation event under current Welsh Government interim COVID-19 guidelines, for September 2020.

In the meantime, we have developed potential short, medium and long term measures that could be taken forward and implemented (subject to public feedback from the consultation event). We have discussed these possible measures with Carmarthen County Council (CCC) officials.

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A483 Llandeilo to Ffairfach Potential Short, Medium and Long-term Measures

Short-term (<1 year)

- 1. Provide traffic signals and temporary footway enhancements in Rhosmaen Street (Llandeilo) (this would be dependent on agreement with CCC to options 2 and 3).
- 2. Removal of parking and loading in Rhosmaen Street with alternative provision in CCC public car park immediately behind.
- 3. Change of parking charge regime in public car park.
- 4. Provide additional public parking within 10 minute walk of Llandeilo Town Centre.
- 5. Provide e-bikes at Strategic Locations in Llandeilo and Ffairfach (Requires CCC Agreement).

Medium-term (1-5 years)

- 1. Provide footway enhancements in Llandeilo and Ffairfach.
- 2. Traffic lights in the square at Ffairfach.
- 3. Improved bus connections to Llandeilo railway station.
- 4. Provide additional Public / Private Parking at Llandeilo / Fairfach relieve capacity on A483 (Requires CCC Agreement).
- 5. Construct a Ffairfach relief road section at Ysgol Bro Dinefwr.

Long-term (>5 years)

- 1. Construct a Llandeilo relief road.
- 2. Potential alteration of A483 / A476 trunk road route (Requires CCC Agreement).

Once the review of the findings of the public consultation has been completed, draft recommendations on a final package of measures would be put before the WelTAG Independent Review Panel for endorsement by the end of 2020. With agreement, a detailed design commission would be undertaken, and therefore short, medium and long term measure delivery could commence in 2021.

Please note that a copy of this letter is being issued to Cllr Emlyn Dole.

Yours sincerely

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