Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 25087

Thank you for your request for information of the 26 August. You asked for the following information regarding the A4042 Croesyceiliog/Cwmbran:

- Confirmation of any references to the A4042 (Croesyceiliog/Cwmbrân section) in Noise Action Plans (2018–2023 and 2023–2028) or other related documents.
- 2. Details of any noise mitigation actions that have been carried out to date on this road (e.g. resurfacing with low-noise materials, barriers, screening, speed limit changes, etc.).
- 3. The budget allocated and the actual expenditure to date on noise mitigation for this section of the A4042.
- 4. Copies of any surveys, modelling, assessments, or reports relating to noise on this section of the A4042.
- 5. Information on any current or future plans for noise mitigation on this road, including estimated timescales and budgets.
- 6. Please confirm what roads have had works carried out, the nature of the work, spend to date and clarification on how you have prioritised these roads.

Our Response

I took the A4042 Croesyceiliog Cwmbran to be the stretch between the Turnpike Roundabout (Grange Hospital exit off the A4042) and the Crematorium roundabout and I advised I would take the date from April 2021 as no date range was specified. I requested you to advise me if either of these was not correct. I did not hear from you, so the information provided is based on these understandings.

1. Noise and Soundscape Action Plan 2018-2023

The plan includes a section on **road traffic noise**, with references to **noise mitigation works on the motorway and trunk road network**, including the A4042. The **Newport agglomeration** chapter discusses noise mapping and mitigation in areas that include **Cwmbrân and Croesyceiliog**, though the A4042 is not explicitly named in the agglomeration breakdown. The plan identifies **priority areas** and **proximity areas** for noise mitigation, which may include parts of the A4042, but specific road segments are not detailed.

- 2. No noise mitigation measures have been undertaken on this stretch of road within the given time period.
- 3. Not applicable see 2 above.
- 4. No specific surveys have been undertaken at this location, but the entire network was modelled as part of the Noise and Soundscape Plan and is

available on datamapwales. <u>Environmental Noise Mapping 2022</u> <u>DataMapWales</u>.

- 5. At present there are no plans for any noise mitigation schemes at this location. However, we are in the process of developing the Noise Priority List for the 2023-2028 Noise Action Plan. The list is expected by the end of this year which will inform which sites we need to address first.
- 6. We have undertaken 91 resurfacing schemes with low noise surfacing across the whole of the Strategic Road Network. List at Annex A. Schemes have been prioritised based upon worst condition and subject to a value management process. It's not possible to extract the costs for these schemes as our records are not set up in this manner.

Next Steps

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Yours sincerely