

THE WELSH MINISTERS

**THE A4232 EASTERN BAY LINK
SCHEME**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
ASSESSMENT
NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SECTION 105 B OF THE HIGHWAYS
ACT 1980 (AS AMENDED)**

**ASSESSMENT OF IMPLICATIONS FOR
EUROPEAN SITES
NOTICE OF STATEMENT TO INFORM
AN APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 61 OF
THE CONSERVATION OF HABITATS
AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2010**

The Welsh Ministers have decided to proceed with the above project to provide a 1km long, two lane dual carriageway road connecting the existing A4232 Queens Gate Roundabout and the Ocean Way Roundabout at Cardiff Bay. The Welsh Ministers determined that this project is a relevant project and subject to Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with Part VA of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) and EC Directive 2014/52/EU (as amended).

The project is also subject to an Assessment of Implications on European Sites (AIES) in accordance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations (2010) and Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive 92/43/EC.

In accordance with the above determination an Environmental Statement (ES) was prepared which identifies the key environmental issues associated with the project. The ES also details the mitigation measures that are to be provided in order to avoid, reduce or offset the project's adverse effects. At the same time a Statement to Inform an Appropriate Assessment (SIAA) was also prepared under Regulation 48 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) of the Regulations 1994.

The ES, a non-technical summary of it and the SIAA were published on 23 December 2015 and placed on deposit at the locations listed below until 3 February 2016 and comments were invited. Responses were received and considered by the Welsh Ministers before reaching their decision to proceed with the improvement.

Copies of the ES, non-technical summary, the SIAA and the Welsh Ministers Decision Letter may be inspected during office/opening hours from the x March 2016 until xx April 2016 or within 6 weeks of the publication date of this notice, whichever period expires later, at the following locations;

Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff
CF10 3NQ.

City Operations, City of Cardiff Council,
County Hall, Cardiff. CF10 4UW

Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Welsh Ministers to proceed with this improvement for which an ES has been made and desiring to question the validity of that decision, on the ground:

- a) that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980 or
- b) that any requirement of that Act, or of regulations made thereunder has not been complied with;

may, within 6 weeks from the publication date of this notice, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the decision to proceed.

A copy of the Welsh Ministers decision can be viewed at: <http://wales.gov.uk> (select 'Topics', 'Transport', 'Roads', 'Road Projects', 'Decision Letters and Inspectors Reports').

A copy of this notice in larger print can be obtained from the Welsh Government, Transport, Orders Branch, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

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On behalf of the Welsh Ministers