

A40 PENBLEWIN TO REDSTONE CROSS IMPROVEMENTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION EXHIBITION

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INTRODUCTION

- The A40 Trunk Road provides an important strategic link to West Wales, serving the towns of Haverfordwest and Milford Haven, the tourist economy of central and north Pembrokeshire, the Haven Enterprise Zone and the ports of Milford Haven and Fishguard.
- The need for the improvement of the A40 arose originally in December 2004 when the Welsh Government announced the outcome of the A40 West of St Clears study into the consideration of improvements to the A40 between St Clears and Haverfordwest.
- The purpose of this exhibition is to seek your views on the proposed improvements between Penblewin Roundabout and Redstone Cross on the A40.
- Over the next four months the Scheme will be developed to allow draft Orders to be published, with a view of starting construction in 2021. Your feedback will help us shape the design, local access and associated land requirements.
- We appreciate that construction of the Scheme will impact on local communities, businesses, the environment and road users alike and we aim to minimise this.
- We consider it important to talk to local communities and businesses and encourage you to come forward with your comments as early as possible so that we may begin to address them.

THE PROBLEM

- Limited overtaking opportunities lead to poor journey time reliability and driver frustration.
- Occasional convoys of heavy goods vehicles from the ferry ports and slow-moving agricultural vehicles contribute to periods of platooning and journey time unreliability. This is exacerbated with limited overtaking opportunities.
- Seasonal spikes in traffic volumes along the A40 (especially during the summer months) leads to slow moving traffic causing journey time unreliability. This is exacerbated with limited overtaking opportunities.
- This section of the A40 road is below modern design standards.
- There are many side road junctions and direct accesses to properties and agricultural fields off the A40, which contributes to operational problems along the road.
- Poor visibility and substandard junction layout can lead to severe road accidents.
- A lack of strategic public transport connectivity in Pembrokeshire generally means there is a dependence on the private car for inter-urban connections.

THE SOLUTION

- The proposal is to updated this 1.8km length of the A40 from the junction with Jacobs Park to the west of Redstone Cross to Penblewin Roundabout to a modern standard three lane carriageway, with two lanes in one direction and one in the opposite direction, separated by a 1m wide hatched strip that is coloured red.
- The A477 Red Roses to St Clears and the A40 Penblewin to Slebech Park are recently completed examples of this layout.
- The scheme will bypass Redstone Cross with the new carriageway built off-line passing to the south of the existing A40 before connecting to Penblewin Roundabout. The existing road will remain for access to properties, local roads and businesses and will be accessible from Penblewin Roundabout.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Your feedback will help us shape the design, local access and associated land requirements.

Activity	Key Dates	What Does this Mean?
Publication of draft Orders and an Environmental Statement	Early 2020	These will set out the land that would be required to build the Scheme and the environmental mitigation work that would be involved. It would detail local accesses and provision of Private Means of Access. The public will then have the opportunity to formally object or support the Scheme or suggest an alternative.
Potential Public Inquiry	Summer 2020	If a Public Inquiry is required, an independent Inspector would hear evidence, in front of the public, from interested parties and stakeholders. The Inspector would make a recommendation to the Welsh Ministers on how to proceed.
Welsh Ministers Decision to make the Orders	Early 2021	The Welsh Ministers would decide whether to make Statutory Orders and to go ahead with the construction of the project.
Appoint Design & Build (D&B) Contractor	Early 2021	A contractor would undertake detailed design and construction of the Scheme.
Commence Construction on Site	Spring 2021	Construction works would start.
A40 Improvements Open	Late 2022	The preferred solution would be implemented and opened to the public.

SCHEME OBJECTIVES

- To enhance network resilience and improve accessibility along the east-west transport corridor to key employment, community and tourism destinations.
- To improve prosperity and provide better access to the county town of Haverfordwest, the Haven Enterprise Zone and the West Wales ports at Fishguard, Milford Haven and Pembroke Dock.
- To reduce community severance and provide health and amenity benefits.
- To improve the safety (and perceived safety) of the Redstone Cross Junction and reduce the number and severity of collisions.
- To promote active travel by cycling, horse riding and walking to provide opportunities for healthy lifestyles.
- To deliver a scheme that promotes social inclusion and integrates with the local transport network to better connect local communities to key transport hubs.
- Deliver a project that is sustainable in a globally responsible Wales, taking steps to reduce or offset waste and carbon.
- Give due consideration to the impact of transport on the environment and provide enhancement when practicable.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE SINCE THE LAST EXHIBITION

- Reviewed feedback from the Public Consultation and incorporated changes into the Scheme layout.
- Announced a preferred route.
- Developed junction layouts and side road proposals.
- Undertaken environmental assessments.
- Developed private means of access and engaged with land owners.
- Considered Active Travel Measures.



Redstone Cross Overbridge

- A new bridge for the B4313 over the proposed A40 carriageway.
- Provides north/south connectivity and access to the existing A40 carriageway.

Redstone Cross Junction

- Following Public feedback we have included a west facing access at Redstone Cross.
- Junction arrangement to link to the existing B4313 Redstone Road.
- Access and egress to the west (Haverfordwest), eastern movements to be prohibited.

Existing A40

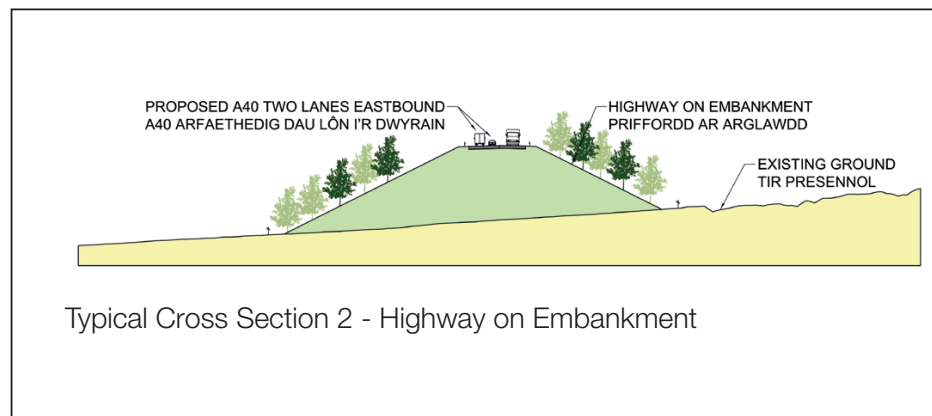
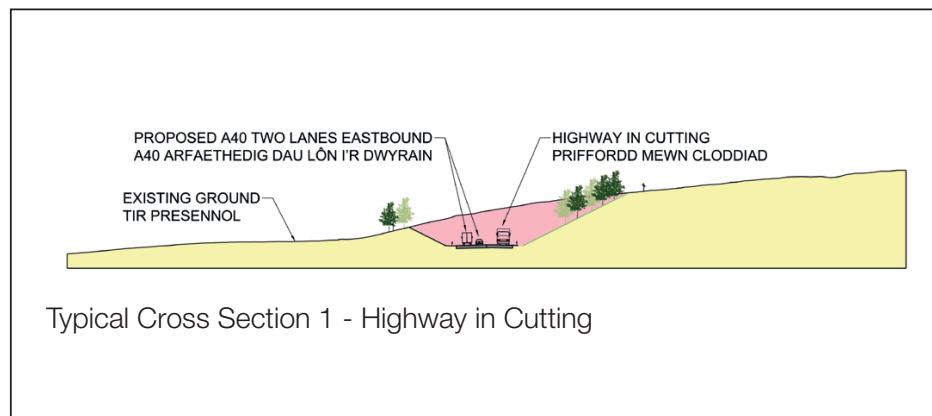
- The existing A40 would remain, but will no longer be trunk road.
- Following Public feedback, Active Travel measures are being considered as part of the proposals.
- This route will provide access to the north of Narberth.

Proposed A40 Carriageway

- 2+1 Single Carriageway configuration.
- Overtaking provided westbound for 1.2km.

Penblewin Roundabout

- Penblewin Roundabout remodelled (6 arm roundabout).
- Tie in point to the A40 Llanddewi Velfrey to Penblewin Improvments.
- Access to Redstone and north of Narberth via the existing A40 (to be detrunked).



FURTHER INFORMATION

- Martin Gallimore (Public Liaison Officer) would be happy to help with any questions you may have and is available at the Llanddewi Velfrey Village Hall on Thursdays between 10am and 4pm. Alternatively, you can contact him by telephone on 07923 887 119 or by email at A40enquiries@arup.com
- Further information can be found on our website: <https://gov.wales/a40-penblewin-redstone-cross>