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*Dear Ken,*

### **Llandeilo bypass**

You will recall our meeting in January where we discussed the Llandeilo bypass project, and in which I presented you and your officials with copies of a proposal in favour of the 'Original' Route, devised by a local architect and supported by Llandeilo Town Council.

In that meeting you outlined a draft and indicative timetable for the bypass project, and noted a number of processes which would need to be undertaken.

For ease of reference I enclose a copy of the relevant minutes from that meeting, reference: DC-KS-07613-16.

I would be very grateful if you were able to provide me with an update on how the project is progressing and whether it is doing so in accordance with the timetable you set out. A full appraisal on what has been done on the project since our meeting in January would be very welcome.

Thank you in advance of your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Yours  
Adam Price*

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**Plaid Cymru | Party of Wales**

**Title:** Meeting with Adam Price AM and support staff to discuss A483 Llandeilo Bypass Scheme

**Venue:** Sennedd Room 13, Cardiff Bay

**Date & Time:** 15:00 11 January 2017

**Attendees:**

Ken Skates - Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure (CSEI)  
Andrew Johnson - Special Advisor to CSEI (AJ)  
Adam Price - Plaid Cymru AM for Carmarthen East and Dinefwr (AP)  
Carl Harris - Special Advisor to AP (CH)  
Andy Falleyrn - Welsh Government Deputy Director Infrastructure Delivery (AF)  
Matt Enoch (note) - Welsh Government Project Director Infrastructure Delivery (ME)

Item	Description	Action
	<b>Llandeilo Bypass</b>	
1.	<p>CSEI outlined to AP the proposed key dates and likely timeline, including a Public Local Inquiry (if required).</p> <p>Route Appraisal: complete in summer 2017 Procure Design and Build Contractor: end of 2017 Publish draft Orders: end 2018 Public Local Inquiry: mid-2019 Start Construction: end 2019</p> <p>CSEI noted that there were two alternative routes for bypassing Llandeilo to the east and stated a desire for the local community to support one route.</p>	
2.	<p>AP shared a document, prepared by local architectural artist Simon Jones supporting the 'original' preferred route as opposed to the 'refined' route. The document is appended to this meeting summary .</p> <p>AF outlined the main characteristics of the two routes and the different impacts of each.</p> <p><u>Original Preferred Route:</u> Runs far from the town edge near the existing railway line Circa 5m more expensive than the refined route Greater impact on the crossing of the River Tawe and the adjacent Tawe Valley flood plain.</p> <p><u>Refined Preferred Route:</u> Runs closer to the southern edge of the town Is more visually intrusive to the residents of Llandeilo Impacts on the setting of the Grade II listed existing Llandeilo River Bridge.</p>	
3.	<p>AP stated that in the 2006 consultation carried out on the Refined Preferred Route, 64% of local residents supported the original preferred route.</p> <p>AF noted that the first stage in the scheme development would be to undertake a new appraisal of the 2 preferred route options (old and new) using the WelTAG appraisal method.</p>	

This appraisal would involve a public consultation in Llandeilo. CSEI noted that all stakeholders be encouraged to state a route preference.

4. The appraisal will include an update on the cost estimate. AF noted that the appraisal will also consider an option to curtail the scheme north of Fairfach in order to ensure delivery of the scheme within the agreed cost envelope. This option will consider impacts on the new Ysgol Bro Dinefwr and associated de-trunking of the A483 towards Pont Abraham and trunking the A476 towards Cross Hands.
5. Depending on the outcome of the new option appraisal CSEI will then decide whether to amend the Preferred Route. AF to prepare an MA for submission to CSEI seeking agreement to appoint a consultant to undertake this WeITAG appraisal.

AF