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*Dear Adam,*

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2019 requesting an update on the A483 Liandeilo Bypass.

As part of Stage 1 of the Welsh Government Transport Appraisal Guidance (WeITAG 17) process it was necessary to establish a study review group of stakeholders, which included representatives of The Future Generations Commissioner (FGC) and Sustrans, to ascertain a short list of options. These were exhibited in a public consultation held in April 2019. FGC are presently of the view that the study at Stage 1 did not sufficiently evidence that a transport based solution is required to resolve the problems and achieve the objectives agreed at Stage 1 of WeITAG 17.

Our WeITAG Stage 2 consultants have continued the work undertaken in Stage 1 on prioritising options that best contribute to the Well-being goals and objectives. They have revisited the problems, objectives and short-list options to ensure they consider how the national Well-being goals are being hindered at present, and how the five ways of working are applied to the objectives and options. Capita, our Stage 2 consultants have recently drafted a further report to provide this evidence.

A draft Stage 2 WeITAG 17 recommendation report has refined the short-listed options and these were presented to the Stage 2 Review Group during a meeting on 22 October 2019 for consideration and endorsement.

Sustrans subsequently confirmed that they could not support any of the road-based options proposed by the draft Stage 2 WeITAG 17 study report. They requested the delivery of additional walking and cycling infrastructure to improve connectivity across the study area, stating that the proposals do not go far enough to promote walking and cycling in the study area.

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To address Sustrans' objections, Welsh Government's consultants have enhanced their walking and cycling strategy and the latest draft recommendations are with the WelTAG review panel for consideration.

The WelTAG 17 Stage 2 public exhibition and consultation was originally proposed for December 2019. However, it has now been decided that the Stage 2 public exhibition and consultation will take place at the earliest availability of public space. Subject to further feedback from the Review Group, I anticipate the exhibitions to be undertaken by April this year.

Subject to the findings of the public consultation, draft recommendations on a solution would be put before the WelTAG Review Panel for endorsement before summer recess 2020. With agreement, a WelTAG stage 3 commission would be undertaken, and a project would potentially be ready for construction in autumn 2022.

*Yams ever,*



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