

WELSH GOVERNMENT

THE FISHGUARD TO BANGOR TRUNK ROAD (A487) (CAERNARFON AND BONTNEWYDD BYPASS) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 2018 (VARIATION) ORDER 202-

REALIGNMENT OF LLANRUG FOOTPATH 36 NEAR SEIONT NURSERIES

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Welsh Ministers, as the relevant highway authority, are responsible for all trunk roads in Wales. The A487 trunk road is an important part of the Welsh Government's (WG) strategic road network and it serves as the major north/south route along the west Wales coast linking Fishguard, Cardigan, Aberystwyth, Machynlleth, Dolgellau, Porthmadog, Caernarfon and Bangor.

Following the Public Local Inquiry held in June / July 2017, the A487 Caernarfon and Bontnewydd Bypass Orders were made by the Welsh Ministers in June 2018. The Orders comprise:

(i) Line and Detrunking Order 2018 is —

The Fishguard To Bangor Trunk Road (A487) (Caernarfon and Bontnewydd Bypass and De-Trunking) Order 2018;

(ii) Side Roads Order 2018 is —

The Fishguard to Bangor Trunk Road (A487) (Caernarfon and Bontnewydd Bypass) (Side Roads) Order 2018;

(iii) Compulsory Purchase Order 2018 is—

The Welsh Ministers (The Fishguard to Bangor Trunk Road (A487) (Caernarfon and Bontnewydd Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order 2018.

An Environmental Statement and a Statement to Inform an Appropriate Assessment of the potential likely effects of the Published Scheme were prepared in association with the above Orders. The Orders published did not have an adverse environmental effect and therefore do not require any supplements to the environmental documents.

Following development of the Scheme design and consultation with affected landowners and the Local Authority (Gwynedd County Council), Variation to the Side Roads Order is required to address the following:

- **REALIGNMENT OF LLANRUG FOOTPATH 36 NEAR SEIONT NURSERIES**

This proposed change to the Published Scheme does require additional land and/or additional rights over land. The details of the proposed changes, including how they compare with the Published Scheme are set out below and illustrated on the Site Plans.

The proposals in this draft Variation to the Side Roads Order would make amendments to Schedule 7 and replace Sheet 7 of 9 with the Sheet 7A of 9. Other Side Road Schedules and Sheets would remain unaffected.

Landowners, other interested parties and persons whose properties or private accesses would be directly affected by the changes to the Published Scheme were visited or contacted and made aware of the proposals in advance of the publication of the draft Variation to the Side Roads Order. There have been no objections to date and comments/objections are being invited for these proposed changes to the Published Scheme, as set out in the public notice.

None of the proposals in the draft Order, described below, result in a change to the published objectives of the Published Scheme.

DRAFT VARIATION TO THE SIDE ROADS ORDER PROPOSALS

REALIGNMENT OF LLANRUG FOOTPATH 36 NEAR SEIONT NURSERIES

The proposal is to change the route of Llanrug Footpath 36 in the vicinity of Seiont Nurseries which is located on the A4086 Llanberis Road and northeast of the new Cibyn Roundabout. The change in route from the A4086 to the newly constructed Underpass near Tyddyn Bistle, would put the footpath through agricultural pasture, which is in keeping with the other sections of the footpath.

This removes the route from the business premises, thereby improving security and safety to for business and users. It also provides a safer route off the A4086 for pedestrians as well as improved connectivity to the adjacent Lon Glai, which leads to Bethel Road the B4366.

CHANGES REQUIRED TO THE SIDE ROADS ORDER 2018

An amendment would be required to the SRO stopping up the Llanrug Footpath through Seiont Nurseries, across the constructed A487 Caernarfon and Bontnewydd Bypass and then through Tyddyn Bistle.

Consequential alignment changes to New Highways 7/A and 7/B have seen those removed and replaced with a new consolidated version referenced 7/C.

COMPARISON OF THE PROPOSED VARIATION WITH THE PUBLISHED SCHEME

Following consultation with Gwynedd County Council and their Senior Rights of Way officer (Euryn Williams) and adjacent landowners the proposal is deemed to be both safer and more desirable in that it removes an unattractive, potentially unsafe public right of way through a busy independent business. It also creates a safer access/egress onto the A4086.

As stated, this has been discussed with the Local Authority and, where appropriate, landowners, other interested parties and/or beneficiaries, and in all instances received positive support and feedback, being considered by all consulted parties to be not only a reasonable alternative to the Published Scheme design but a necessary one.