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Overview

This consultation is being held to seek your views on the proposed transport options that are being investigated to address issues of concern on the current highway network, within the settlements of Llandeilo and Ffairfach.

We would like to hear your views on the proposed shortlisted options and the specific questions included in this questionnaire.

How to respond

Please complete and return the 'response form questionnaire' and return by email or post to the contact details below. Responses are welcome in either Welsh or English and should be submitted by Friday 20th November 2020.

Also refer to the '**How can I comment?**' section within this document.

Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

<https://gov.wales/a483-llandeilo-and-ffairfach-transport-study-welsh-stage-2>

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Introduction

This consultation is being held to seek your views on the proposed transport options that are being investigated to address issues of concern on the current highway network, within the settlements of Llandeilo and Ffairfach.

We have reviewed a number of options to improve the highway network and we are now seeking your feedback on these proposals.

What are the main issues?

From previous public and stakeholder workshops, the following main issues of concern have been identified:

- Safety;
- Traffic Speed;
- Network constraints;
- Parking;
- Seasonality of traffic flow;
- Insufficient diversion routes;
- Non-Motorised Users environment;
- No cycling infrastructure;
- Non-Motorised Users wayfinding;
- Public transport quality;
- Pollution; and
- Noise.

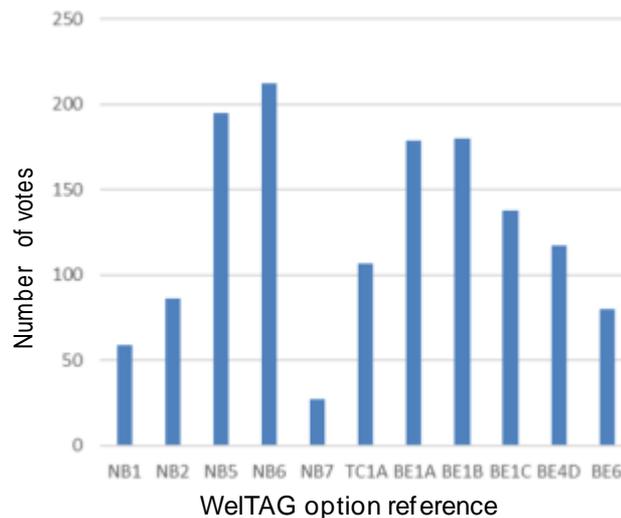
Where are we now?

The WeITAG Stage 1 study identified 11 shortlisted options which were presented to you at the Public Consultation Event in April 2019 (links to the stage 1 consultation material can be found at <https://gov.wales/a483-llandeilo-and-ffairfach-transport-study>). Each of 11 options was allocated into cost bands and shown below:

- (Low) Less than £50m
- (Medium) £50m to £60m
- (High) Greater than £60m

Option Reference	Option Description
NB1	Traffic lights on Rhosmaen Street, nobypass
NB2	Removal of parking on Rhosmaen Street, nobypass
NB5	HGV Restriction (legal sanction on Bridge Street and Rhosmaen Street) no bypass, plus one-way system
NB6	Combined (NB1 & NB2) no bypass Option (with HGV restriction)
NB7	Combined (NB1 & NB2) no bypass (No HGV restriction)
TC1A	One-way system on Rhosmaen Street and bypass
BE1A	Eastern Bypass Option 1 (A)
BE1B	Eastern Bypass Option 1 (B)
BE1C	Eastern Bypass Option 1 (C)
BE4D	Mid Rhosmaen Eastern Bypass Option 4 (D)
BE6	Eastern Bypass Option 6

We thank you for the feedback received and we have listened to your suggestions, concerns and preferences. Below is a summary of your option preferences received in April 2019.



Since the consultation event in April 2019, we have undertaken further investigation work and held discussions with a wide range of stakeholders. Each option has been measured against the project objectives below and our findings have also been evaluated by an independent review panel consisting of several experts in their field.

Project Objectives

- Preserve strategic function of the A483
- Improve pedestrian and cyclist safety within Llandeilo and Ffairfach, including safe routes to school;
- Reduce community severance within Llandeilo and Ffairfach;
- Improve journey time reliability through Llandeilo and Ffairfach;
- Reduce congestion through Llandeilo and Ffairfach;
- Contribute to sustainable economic growth and tourism and cultural opportunities in Llandeilo;
- Reduce exposure to air pollution for sensitive receptors; and
- Support transition to a low carbon society ensuring the solution is sustainable and resilient which minimises carbon emissions associated with the transport infrastructure which includes improving access to, and provision of public transport. The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on the developed shortlist of options and additional complementary opportunities for both Llandeilo and Ffairfach.

Although options NB5 and NB6 scored highly at the last consultation we have reviewed the practicalities for removing HGV's (Option's NB5 and NB6) from both Llandeilo and Ffairfach and conclude this would be very difficult to implement without additional infrastructure, as there are no viable alternatives at present. Furthermore, enforcing and or controlling any HGV ban would be difficult, as there would still be a need for some large vehicles to provide deliveries in Llandeilo and Ffairfach, together with local agricultural vehicles and buses needing to access the surrounding areas.

BE4D and BE6 did not score favourably in the public consultation, with the public ranking in the bottom half of the options presented. From a constructability perspective, both options will prove challenging to implement. Option BE4D would require crossing both the River Tywi and the railway (the railway line would need to be crossed twice) which would require a substantial structure. Option BE6 would have interface difficulties around the historic river bridge, together with the additional visual impact created by the two structures being in close proximity. As a result, neither of these options were considered in the revised short list of options.

As a result, the WeITAG Stage 2 process has shortlisted the following 4 main options for consultation.

- NB7: Combined No Relief Road (No HGV restriction)
- TC1A: One-way system combined with either of Relief Road Options:
 - BE1A: Eastern Relief Road Option 1 (A);
 - BE1B: Eastern Relief Road Option 1 (B);
 - BE1C: Eastern Relief Road Option 1 (C).

To enhance the 4 shortlisted options, we have developed a series of potential complementary opportunities to improve traffic flow, walking and cycling within the communities of Llandeilo and Ffairfach.

We welcome your views and feedback on the 4 main shortlisted options and potential complementary opportunities.

How can I find out more?

Consultation material is available on our website (<https://gov.wales/a483-llandeilo-and-ffairfach-transport-study-weltag-stage-2>) from Tuesday 29th September. There will be an opportunity on this website to ask questions and provide comment on the options and information available.

Subject to Welsh Government guidelines on COVID-19, we plan to hold a live consultation event in Llandeilo and Ffairfach in October 2020. The proposed venues are Llandeilo Fawr Village Hall and Tregib Sports Centre, Ffairfach.

How can I comment?

There are several ways you can comment:

- complete the consultation response form provided at the end of this document and return to us at Freepost A483 Transport Study; or
- complete the response form online at: <https://gov.wales/a483-llandeilo-and-ffairfach-transport-study-weltag-stage-2>; or
- attend one of our consultation events (COVID-19 guidelines pending) where paper copies of the response form will be available; or
- email us at: A483-Llandeilo@capita.co.uk.

Responses are welcome in either Welsh or English and should be submitted by Friday 20th November 2020.

Next Steps

We will review all comments and suggestions once the consultation feedback window is closed. These will be analysed and considered as part of the WelTAG process. We will also produce a report to summarise the feedback responses.

Updates on the scheme's progress will be provided on the project website:

<https://gov.wales/a483-llandeilo>

Consultation Response Form

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

E-mail / telephone number:

Your address:

Q1: Do you agree with the main issues faced in Llandeilo and Ffairfach? Please indicate below which problems you have experienced in the last 12 months (please choose any number of options)

	Please tick each one you experience
Safety: near misses between pedestrians and passing vehicles	
Safety: traffic accidents	
Unreliable journey times	
Lack of parking spaces	
No alternative routes through the road network	
Poor environment for pedestrians and cyclists	
No provision for cyclists	
Poor public transport quality and connectivity	
Difficulties finding your way as a cyclist / pedestrian	
Air pollution from traffic	
Noise pollution from traffic	

Other (please specify):

Q2: We have reviewed the practicalities for removing HGVs from both Llandeilo and Ffairfach and conclude this would be very difficult to implement without additional infrastructure, as there are no viable alternatives at present. Which option do you believe is best to progress with? (please choose 1 option)

	Please tick preference
Do nothing (remains as is)	
NB7: Traffic lights on Rhosmaen Street and removal of parking and loading areas on Rhosmaen Street	

TC1A with BE1A: relief road option 1 (A)	
TC1A with BE1B: relief road option 1 (B)	
TC1A with BE1C: relief road option 1 (C)	

Q3: As part of this study, we have investigated options to link Llandeilo and the railway station. Please indicate your preference (please choose up to 2 options)

	Please tick preference
Maintain existing access along Station Road and provide new (health and safety) compliant steps from Alan Road. This option is included within the relief road estimated construction costs.	
Provide new (health and safety) compliant steps and ramped access from Alan Road, at an additional construction cost of £1.8 million.	
Provide new (health and safety) compliant steps and lift from Alan Road at an additional construction cost of £1.5 million (excluding additional operational and maintenance costs).	
Provide new (health and safety) compliant steps and enhancements to pedestrian links between the town centre and the railway station. Walking and cycling improvements (Ref CL4) could be made to Carmarthen Road, Rhosmaen Street, New Road, Crescent Road, Latimer Road, Alan Road, Thomas Street, Blende Road and Station Road.	

Q4: As part of this study, we have developed local opportunities to improve transport, cycling and pedestrian provision around the town of Llandeilo and the village of Ffairfach. Please indicate your preference. (please choose up to 11 options)

	Please tick preference
New Ffairfach public car park (Ref. CF1)	
New Ffairfach public car park (Ref. CF8)	
New Llandeilo public car park (Ref. CL6)	
New Llandeilo public car park (Ref. CL7)	
New Llandeilo public car park (Ref. CL8)	
New Llandeilo public car park (Ref. CL9)	
Ffairfach square signal control junction (Ref.CF3)	
Improved pedestrian links to Ffairfach railway station (Ref.CF4)	
Ffairfach footway improvements (Ref.CF5)	
Improved vehicle access to Ysgol Bro Dinefwr (Ref.CF6)	
Twyi Valley Route linking Ysgol Bro Dinefwr to Llandeilo Bridge (Ref. CF7)	

Comments on above or any other opportunities:

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Q5: Option NB7 requires the removal of parking and loading bays along Rhosmaen Street and Bridge Street. We have reviewed the potential for reallocating space within the Crescent Road public car park. Would you be in favour of this approach?

Yes

No

If not in favour please state why:

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Q6: The current bus service to Llandeilo railway station is limited. If the service was improved (Ref. CL4) would this encourage you to use the rail network more frequently?

	Please tick preference
Yes, I would use a bus to connect to the station	
Yes, but only occasionally	
No	

Q7: All relief road options require a new bridge over the River Tywi. Three options have been considered, which is your preferred solution?

	Please tick preference
Option 1: Three span composite viaduct	
Option 2: Bow string arch	
Option 3: Four span composite viaduct	

Q8: We have identified complementary walking and cycling opportunities for Llandeilo. What improvements do you think would be of most benefit? (please choose up to 2 options)

	Please tick preference
Full time restrictions to through traffic on Rhosmaen Street(can only be delivered with a relief road option) (Ref. CL1)	
Part time restrictions to through traffic on Rhosmaen Street (can only be delivered with a relief road option) (Ref. CL2)	
Walking and cycling improvements to the wider pedestrian network (Ref. CL3)	

Please state any other opportunities you feel would add benefit:

Q9: Electric bicycles make cycling easier, particularly on steep gradients. If we introduced a trial of providing electric bicycles in Llandeilo and Ffairfach (Ref.CF2), would you consider using them as an alternative to the private vehicles?

Yes

No

Q10: Welsh Government is currently developing the next Wales Transport Strategy (WTS) which could include a focus on moving to lower carbon modes of transport to meet the Welsh Government's decarbonisation targets and reduce the number of Air Quality Management Areas. Welsh Government aims for a zero-emission bus, taxi and private hire vehicle fleet by 2028 (Ref CL5). Do you support these aims?

Yes

No

Question A: We are under a duty to consider the effects of our policy decisions on the Welsh language, under the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

We would like to know your views on the effects the proposals would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Question B: Please also explain how you believe the proposals could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Question C: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

Please enter here:

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here: