

THE WELSH MINISTERS

**THE NEATH TO ABERGAVENNY TRUNK ROAD (A465) (ABERGAVENNY TO HIRWAUN DUALLING, SLIP ROADS AND SIDE ROADS SCHEME)
SECTION 2 – GILWERN TO BRYNMAWR**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 105 B OF
THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 (AS AMENDED)**

AND

CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2010 - REGULATIONS 61, 62 AND 66:

ASSESSMENT OF IMPLICATIONS ON EUROPEAN SITES;

A STATEMENT TO INFORM AN APPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT OF THE SCHEME (SIAA);

A STATEMENT ABOUT ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS, IMPERATIVE REASONS OF OVERRIDING PUBLIC INTEREST AND COMPENSATORY MEASURES (SASICOM).

The Welsh Ministers hereby give notice they have considered the above named Environmental Statement (ES), the Statement to Inform an Appropriate Assessment (SIAA), the Supplement to the ES, the Addendum to the SIAA, 'A Statement about Alternative Solutions, Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest and Compensatory Measures (SASICOM)' and all written comments made in response to the publication of these documents and have decided to proceed with the project. Copies of the ES, including the Statement to Inform an Appropriate Assessment (SIAA) and the Supplement to the ES, its Non Technical Summary (NTS), Addendum to the SIAA, the Statement about Alternative Solutions, Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest and Compensatory Measures (SASICOM); and the decision letter including any conditions, the reasons and considerations behind the decision; the Inspector's Report who conducted a Public Inquiry into the Scheme; have been deposited at:-

Orders Branch, Transport, Welsh Government,
Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ;

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Plas y Ffynnon, Cambrian Way, Brecon LD3 7HP;

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council, Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale NP23 6XB;

Brynmawr Library, Market Square, Brynmawr NP23 4AJ;

Monmouthshire County Council, One Stop Shop, Market Hall, Cross Street, Abergavenny NP7 5HD;

where they are open to inspection free of charge at all reasonable business hours from the 02 October 2014 to the 13 November 2014.

The documents will also be available at Llanelly Community Council, Gilwern Community Centre, Common Road, Gilwern NP7 0DS from Monday to Wednesday 9.30 to 12.30.

Copies of the Environmental Statement including its Supplement and the documents listed above may be obtained from the Welsh Government at the address given below at a cost of:-

ES Volume 1 (Technical Assessment Report) - £50
ES Volume 2 (Figures) - £50
ES Volume 3 Parts 1 to 6 (Technical Appendices) - £50 (each)
ES Supplement - £50
Statement to Inform an Appropriate Assessment (SIAA) including the Addendum & SASICOM – £15.
Electronic copies of the ES including its supplement and the SIAA including its Addendum and SASICOM can be purchased at a cost of £5.

An electronic copy of the Non-Technical Summary is published on-line at www.wales.gov.uk/transport.

ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED by the decision taken to proceed following the publication of the Environmental Statement, the SIAA, SASICOM, their associated Supplements and the comments thereon who desires to question its validity, or the validity of any provision in it, may apply to the High Court within 6 weeks from 02 October 2014 or 6 weeks from the date of first publication of this notice, if such a period shall expire later on the grounds that:

it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, or
any requirement of that Act or of regulations made under that Act has not been complied with in relation to that decision,

On such an application, the Court may suspend or quash that decision or any provision in it.

Further information about the project, the ES, the decision or about this notice can be obtained from Welsh Government, Orders Branch, Transport, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.

A copy of this notice in larger print can be obtained from the Welsh Government at the address given above.

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