



Our ref ATISN 13861

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

8 April 2020

Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 13861

I wrote to you on 17 March regarding your request for information regarding the A55/A494/A548 Flintshire Corridor Technical Studies which generated the two route options offered for Public Consultation - Red Route and Blue Route. You asked for:

1. The physical/geographic boundary limits set for the technical studies which defined the two route options Red and Blue
2. The physical/geographic boundary limits applied to the traffic model which informed the technical solutions prepared for the two route options, Red and Blue
3. The scope/extent of traffic flow variance applied to the traffic model to account for seasonal, weekly and daily variation in traffic volumes/flow.

I confirm the Welsh Government holds information caught by your request.

1. Please find attached a drawing (No. 60436462\ENV\1.1) showing the study area.
2. Please see attached Figure 1 showing the 2015 Highway Assignment Model Fully Modelled Area and Figure 2 showing the 2015 Highway Assignment Model External Area Highway Network.
3. Seasonality factors methodology –

Traffic flow variance was taken account of in the model by applying seasonality factors derived from traffic survey information to represent a neutral or representative month in 2015 by using a combination of neutral month factors and annual factors in accordance with national Transport Analysis Guidance (TAG).

Neutral or representative months are defined in paragraph 3.3.6 of TAG Unit M1.2: Data Sources and Surveys as the following Mondays to Thursday:



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- late March and April - excluding weeks before and after Easter;
- May - excluding the Thursday before and all of the week of each Bank Holiday;
- June;
- September - excluding school holidays or return to school weeks;
- all of October; and
- all of November – provided adequate lighting is available.

The modelled time periods were:

- AM peak hour between 0800 and 0900;
- Inter-peak hour average of 1000 to 1600; and
- PM peak hour between 1700 and 1800.

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Yours sincerely