



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Adran yr Economi a'r Seilwaith  
Department for Economy and Infrastructure

Our Ref: qA1420023  
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Dear Sir

**THE CHESTER TO BANGOR TRUNK ROAD (A55) (JUNCTIONS 16 AND 16A IMPROVEMENT REALIGNMENT AND SLIP ROADS) ORDER 202-**

**THE CHESTER TO BANGOR TRUNK ROAD (A55) (JUNCTIONS 16 AND 16A IMPROVEMENT REALIGNMENT AND SLIP ROADS) (SIDE ROADS) ORDER 202-**

**(Ref J16-R014-A55J5J16-2021-105-R)**

I refer to your online submission relating to the above Draft Orders dated 09 May 2021. Please note that your submission has been registered as an Objection and you should have received a Welsh Government letter dated 25 May 2021 confirming that a Public Local Inquiry is to be held.

In your submission you said *"The North Wales coast is blighted by road noise from the A55 motorway along its length and nothing has ever been done to address this. So now you're going to get the traffic to go faster and create even more noise. Excellent. The speed limit should be reduced to 50mph through all towns and villages, (not just Colwyn Bay) and noise barrier walls/fencing should be erected along as much of it as possible."*

I have set out below our response to your concerns.

The scope of this scheme is limited to the improvements at Junctions 16 and 16A of the A55 and cannot therefore include an assessment of or provide mitigation for the whole of A55. The assessment of the scheme in accordance with the government requirements indicates that the proposed mitigation (which includes low noise surfacing and noise barriers where required) is appropriate to reduce impacts to a level which is not significant within the study area. Please see Chapter 13 of the Environmental Statement (ES) for further details. The ES and Draft Orders can be found at the following link: [A55: junctions 16 and 16a | GOV.WALES](#)

The Welsh Government's approach to dealing with road noise issues across Wales can be found in the 2018-2023 noise and soundscape action plan at the following link: : [noise-and-soundscape-action-plan.pdf \(gov.wales\)](#)

I hope I have satisfactorily addressed the points you have raised.

Should you require clarification, or wish to discuss the matters prior to responding, please contact Rob Griffiths of Ramboll as follows: Tel: 07918 720458 / Email: Robert.Griffiths@ramboll.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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