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I have objected to the removal of the roundabout at Junction 15 on the grounds that the objectives of the scheme are in opposition to the stated aims of the Welsh Government's Policies in Llybyr Newydd and the Future Generations Act .

I have used the Junction 15 Environment Statement and the WGs final outline of the scheme amongst the other documents that I have listed to maintain that.

1. Any time saved by removal of the roundabout at junction 15 will be negligible and cannot justify the time, expense, disruption and destruction caused by the scheme.

1a Attempting to save time is promoting the use of vehicles on the A55 when the government's stated aim is to reduce reliance on cars etc.

1b. Any time saved will be lost by the frequent and often long delays at Colwyn Bay, Queensferry and The Britannia Bridge.

2. The scheme cannot improve the 'resilience ' of Junction 15 because there is no other way in or out of Llanfairfechan, should the A55 be closed or blocked, due to the geographical position on a very narrow corridor between the Carneddau mountains and the sea.

3. There is no severance of the village from the coast as there is good access via Station Road, Shore Road East and the overbridge at J14

4. Removal of the roundabout will not provide Active travel routes or enhance integrated transport. Active travel only refers to regular journeys to work , school etc, by foot or cycle and for most people these are not possible from Llanfairfechan because of the distances involved. Provision of a new shared cycleway and footpath could be more dangerous and stressful for both users particularly school children walking or riding bikes or scooters to Pant yr Rhedyn school. There is no provision for enhanced bus travel (in fact 2 bus stops will be removed and not replaced) , or development of a convenient train service for local users.

5. The scheme will do permanent damage to the environment around the scheme area and beyond by removing flora and fauna that have become established over more than 3 decades and some mature trees which are impossible to replace. This will have a direct impact on several species of bat who have already lost an important foraging corridor west of Llanfairfechan Station. Coupled with the potential loss of many of Llanfairfechan's mature trees because of ash die back any further disruption is likely to have a severe effect on the bat population in Llanfairfechan and wider areas - particularly the Noctule bat which is listed in Section 7 of the Environment Wales Act as a species which should be protected- as well as birds , insects and other mammals. The hedgehog is also listed and there is photographic evidence of a group of hedgehogs using a garden which will be right on the edge of this scheme where they will be exposed to noise, pollution and removal of cover. We need all our wildlife to be preserved and supported - losing insect populations due to hedge and tree removal can have a drastic effect on local flora and fauna.

6. Mitigation planting is not guaranteed to survive or to provide the necessary habitats for the existing wildlife. The time it will take to establish may be far too long for the flora and fauna to survive.

7. Costs have risen since the plans were first made. The A55 may see a decrease in traffic as Holyhead diminishes in importance as a route to Ireland. More people may be continuing to work at home and the Welsh Government want to discourage reliance on car use and have targets to this effect