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Dear Robert

RE: TRAWSGRIFIAD EIS TRANSCRIPT – 05 JULY 2018

We write further to the commitment made during our evidence session to the committee in relation to a series of questions from Lee Waters AM in relation to the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013.

The primary question appears to relate to what has changed in relation to the work of the Trunk Road Agents as a result of the Act.

As stated in the evidence provided to the committee from a highway maintenance perspective, both reactive and like for like planned maintenance, the Act has not significantly changed the activities as undertaken by the Agent on behalf of the Welsh Government.

The main impact for Agent activities as a result of the Act has occurred in relation to two main areas of operations, namely;

- The implementation of design guidance to conform to the requirements introduced in the Act and the changes that this has had on scheme design for active travel routes on the trunk road network.



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It has always been a requirement of the Agent that Consultants and Contractors give consideration to all relevant legislation when undertaking their activities, and all are briefed accordingly. The specific focus on the Act has been consolidated by the publication of the WelTAG 2017: Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance and its accompanying Supplementary Guidance, which specifically identifies the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 for consideration as a requirement of the WelTAG process. Since this time the Agent has identified project briefs from the Welsh Government Planning team that make specific reference to consideration of the Act, and the Agent has in turn stipulated this explicitly in the briefs that it is providing to its consultants.

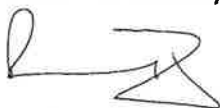
- Being mindful of active travel user considerations in the operation of highway management functions delegated to Agents.

The duties imposed by the Act has brought to the forefront the needs of active travel users during scrutiny and inspections of network intervention activities such as skip and scaffold licencing and management of other possible highway obstructions, both unauthorised and authorised.

The Agent will continue to work closely with the Welsh Government in the delivery of this Act and all other legislative requirements on the Trunk Road Network.

We hope that this information has addressed the questions raised and assists the Committee in continuing this inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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