



Ein cyf/Our ref: WAQ78614

Janet Finch-Saunders

31 July 2019

Dear Janet,

The capital scheme costs (excluding VAT), as noted in the brochure published prior to the single scheme option decision, are: -

Option A - £23,027,000
Option B - £18,328,000
Option C - £21,843,000
Option D - £18,893,000

The scheme cost for Option A will be subject to change as the single option detailed design phase of the scheme now progresses and a greater understanding of what is required to deliver this option is determined.

The following five key points evidence why Option A is considered to be the most appropriate arrangement for junction 16

- By providing four-way traffic movements as recommended by key stakeholders, including NMWTRA, Emergency Services and the Bus Operators that regularly operate on the A55, thus comparing favourably against options C and D.
- By significantly improving network resilience as compared to Options B, C and D and by providing a new parallel link road between Junctions 16 and 16A
- By providing the greatest opportunities for social and environmental benefit when compared to Options B, C and D. Examples being the opportunity to develop open public spaces and a habitat corridor
- By delivering significant opportunities to promote active travel, including the creation of a new circular route, which will intercept existing footpaths and provide improved access to the Sustrans NCN Route 5 and the coast, so encouraging health and wellbeing for the community

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- By reducing the traffic impact on Ysguborwen Road as compared to other options, in particular Option B.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', written in a cursive style.

Ken Skates AC/AM

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