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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear ,

Request for Information – ATISN 10305

I wrote to you on 17 March regarding your request for information. You asked for information relating to the A40 road from Raglan roundabout to Monmouth interchange to the A449; including the stretch of road which runs past Raglan Castle. Specifically:

1. When was the road changed to a quiet 'modern low noise surface'?
2. How much did it cost?
3. Company who completed the work?
4. Confirmation that 'modern low noise surface' adheres to the stipulations provided in the contract.
5. What is the measured road noise in decibels for this particular stretch of road, both before and after the work took place? Provide dates, times and results.
6. Are there any plans to change this particular stretch of road i.e. modern low noise?

I can confirm we hold some information relating to your request. There are no records available on the A40 Raglan Bypass being resurfaced. However, there may have been works undertaken prior to the South Wales Trunk Road Agency (SWTRA) coming into existence in 2006. Since that time there have been three instances of routine maintenance carriageway patching in this area. These are:

- 2007 Raglan Bypass carriageway patching - £69,500
- 2011 A40/A449 slip roads resurfacing and bridge joints - £72,517
- 2014 Raglan Bypass carriageway patching - £74,051 with a thin surface - course system material, which is the standard specification for renewal of this type of carriageway.

The routine maintenance work was undertaken by STWTRAs framework contractor Alun Griffiths. The thin surface course system material used in the aforementioned routine maintenance resurfacing and patching was in compliance with the Highway Authority



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Product Approval Scheme (HAPAS), which is the industry standard and specified for all trunk road maintenance works in Wales. Noise levels and therefore, noise action plan sites, are determined through a process of modelling rather than individual surveys. Noise measurement is undertaken before and after mitigation is installed. This section of road is monitored as part of an annual prioritisation process for planned maintenance. There are currently no plans to replace the surface. As and when surfacing is planned, an appropriate surface will be specified through the Welsh Government suppliers' contract. Consideration will be given to the noise characteristics of the surfacing.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

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Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely