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

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Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 10516

I wrote to you on 22 June regarding your request for information. In your request you asked:

- 1. What is the scope of the review of junctions along the A48? Who is undertaking the review? When is the review due to be completed? What public consultations are planned to discuss the findings of the review? Who will conduct the consultation? What opportunities will there be for the public to respond to the review?
- 2. All official documentation associated with the review of the Foelgastell/Cefneithin junction on the westbound carriageway of the A48 over the past 10 years.
- 3. Details of the number of all motor vehicle accidents/collisions that have occurred within ten metres of the junction over the past ten years.
- 4. Details of all accidents logged.
- 5. Full information (correspondence, telephone log, emails) on what actions the Welsh Government and its associated agencies have taken as a result of any accidents within 10m of this junction.
- 6. Copies of all correspondence between the police, emergency services and the Welsh Government (and its associated agencies) following all accidents, including, but not limited to, recommendations to improve the safety of the junction.

I confirm that we hold some information relating to your request.

In relation to the section of the A48 between Crosshands and Llanddarog, the Network Management Division is currently preparing a Traffic Consultancy Brief to cover:-

Ongoing investigation and review of accident numbers, traffic turning numbers and manoeuvres at the side road junctions and private accesses leading directly onto the A48.



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This work is a continuation of the A48 Junction Study, Phase 2 and may suggest outline proposals to improve road safety on this route.

The Brief will, in due course, be awarded by the South Wales Trunk Road Agency to the most appropriate consultant for this type of work, as part of their normal consultancy framework arrangements. Completion of this phase of work is planned for Spring 2017, subject to the availability of resources. Should we decide to take forward any junction alterations, the Public would be invited to comment as part of the normal Traffic Regulation Order-making process which would involve the publication of a draft order, for any one junction proposal, in the media.

For questions 3 and 4, the data held for recorded accidents is available on our website - http://gov.wales/topics/transport/road-users/road-safety-framework/road-safety-map?lang=en. Please set the date range you require via the filter at the top of the map and wait for the page to update and display the data you've requested.

Information relating to questions 2, 5 and 6 will be provided hard copy in the post. Please note that any information not captured by the request, i.e. personal information will be redacted. **Please can you confirm your postal address.**

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Yours sincerely