

# A40 Penblewin to Redstone Cross

## PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY

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### Public Inquiry Question & Response – PIQ.003

#### Inspector Query re withdrawal of objection R0022/Modification 1

	Question	Response
1	<p>The Inspector has two questions arising from the fact that Modification 1 relating to the re-location of attenuation pond A and acquisition of additional land has been rejected and will not now become part of the Scheme. Firstly Objection R0029 supported Modification 1 as it moved the pond below their property thus minimising the risk of overflowing and flooding. As this is now not the case, what comments would Welsh Government like to make on the risk to the property known as Jacobs Park from attenuation pond A.</p>	<p>The attenuation basin is designed to accommodate a 1 in 100 year return period event with an additional 30% allowance for climate change, in line with current standards. A freeboard of 0.5m is also provided above the designed pond water level, which provides additional resilience.</p> <p>In the unlikely event that the crest of the attenuation basin is exceeded, the water would flow southwest and be captured by the proposed ditch located in the same field. This would prevent the water from reaching the Jacob's Park buildings. The cut-off ditch discharges into a watercourse downstream of Jacob's Park.</p>
2	<p>Secondly, you have advised that some of the area of the redundant A40, which was originally proposed be returned to agriculture, would now be kept by Welsh Government as replacement dormouse habitat. Does this have any effect on the Welsh Government evidence response to Alternative 1A?</p>	<p>The proposal for alternative 1 comprised of a 'slip-road' off the proposed A40, using the existing A40 alignment between Jacob's Park and Redstone Cross Junction.</p> <p>The objectors suggested alternatives brochure states that – "... <i>the extra junction and link road proposed by Alternatives 1A and 1B on the redundant section of the A40 west of Redstone Cross would lead to loss of much of the existing hedges and trees, and reduce the opportunities for habitat creation...</i>".</p> <p>The proposed Scheme does not contain this 'slip road' and the current proposal (with no modification 1) would include an area of replacement dormouse habitat within the existing highway corridor.</p> <p>Should the alternative 1 be assessed against the current proposals, our evidence would state there would be a decrease in the proposed area of dormouse habitat mitigation. As a result, the target dormouse habitat mitigation area would need to be achieved by acquiring additional land elsewhere.</p>

