

SCC oppose the project in its current form on the following grounds.

1. The use of public money and the costs involved when balanced against both the minimal historical costs of maintaining the road and other less costly options such the scheme proposed by STUN.
2. The effective division of Newgale and the effect of isolating Newgale from the surrounding area at large.
3. We have major concerns over the effect on the environment and ecology of the Brandy Brook Valley both during and after construction, particularly considering that biodiversity mitigations rarely replace on a like for like basis and are often of poor quality and mitigation planted often has a high failure rate.
4. The detrimental effects on the businesses of Newgale all of which rely on either direct or indirect passing trade, but also the lack of communication and consultation that has gone on with these businesses.
5. Stakeholder and Public engagement has been at best poor. There is no analysis of public response contained within the Phase 1 project documents. Also no data or discussion has been presented for public scrutiny surrounding the alternative options that have supposedly been considered.
6. From a Statutory and legislative point of view we have concerns regarding diversion from WelTag policies and Environmental Impact Assessment project shaping policy. Particularly the failure to explore the proposal presented by STUN.
7. We also have questions regarding adherence to the Welsh Governments Transport Strategy in particular regarding damage to ecology and biodiversity, increases in traffic volume and speed together with increases in Nox and Co2

PCCs 2017 WelTAG report which was championing an amendment to the current beach front road states that Route J, which adheres closely to the phase 1 proposed route, stated that route J would have adverse effects on Nox and Co2 outputs, cause a significant loss of primary lowland marsh habitats, Cut through hedgerows and woodlands of high value, have large adverse effects on biodiversity and have the greatest environmental water risks and impacts of all the options.

All of these issues now seem to be missing from the latest Atkins report.

8. The huge public opinion against this project, a quick two day google poll carried out by SCC had 427 responses with only 1.9%(8) responses in favour. 100% of those who left a written response opposed the project.