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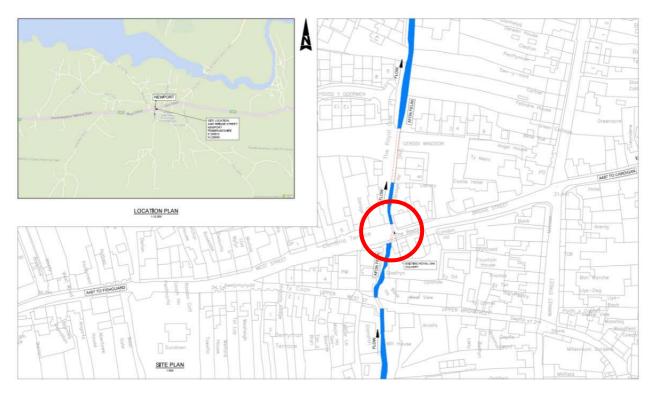
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RE: UPDATE: A487 20 C55 - Royal Oak Culvert - Culvert Replacement Works

To whom it may concern

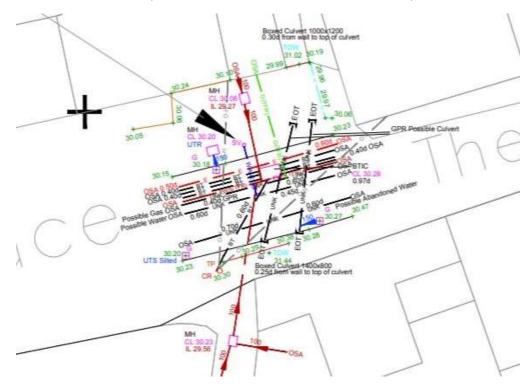
I am writing to inform you that essential works are required in 2025 to replace the A487 20 C55 Royal Oak Culvert, located in Newport, Pembrokeshire, refer to map below:



As you may be aware from my previous communication, the culvert needs to be replaced as it is nearing the end of its life, and has some significant defects present. Unfortunately due to the small nature of the culvert and the related access restrictions, it is not possible to repair the defects, and therefore replacement is the only feasible option.



There are a significant number of statutory undertakers' services within the vicinity of the culvert, and these include Water (clean and foul), Gas, Electricity and Telecommunications; refer to service plan below:



Some enabling works are required to divert telecommunications equipment prior to the actual culvert replacement. The main civils element of these enabling works are planned to be undertaken on site during October 2024, and will require some closures of the A487 carriageway. We understand that these closures will cause disruption, and we want to assure you that we are taking every step to minimise the impact. To this end, the carriageway closures for these enabling works are being confined to Sundays only. This is to reduce the impact to transport, public services, and local businesses. The planned Sunday work dates are as follows:

- Sunday 20th October;
- Sunday 27th October;
- Sunday 3rd November;
- Sunday 10th November.

Further updates on traffic management arrangements will be available at www.traffic.wales in due course.

The road closures on the A487 will be put in place between 0900hrs and 1900hrs on each of the above noted dates, and the closure will be in effect between Parrog Rd and Market St. In order to help alleviate some of the disruption caused by the closure, we have been working with Pembrokeshire County Council to have a temporary revocation of the one-way system along the Upper W St / Upper Bridge St. This will be used as a temporary diversion route for local traffic (cars and small vans, less than 3.5T) with the use of two-way traffic lights, when the A487 is shut each Sunday. Please refer to the attached official diversion route for Trunk Road traffic, to include heavy goods vehicles; via the westbound A487 to Fishguard, southbound A40 to Haverfordwest, eastbound A40 to Penblewin Roundabout and the northbound A478 to Cardigan to re-join the A487: vice versa for westbound vehicles.

Following completion of the carriageway closures on the Sundays as mentioned above, there will be some additional works required by Openreach relating to jointing of the new cabling etc., however that will be undertaken during normal traffic management on the A487 in November/December, without the need for carriageway closures. Further information shall be issued out relating to this, once a programme of work is received from Openreach.



For the main culvert replacement works, the design for new culvert is nearing completion and a detailed construction programme will then be developed. It is anticipated that the culvert replacement works will commence during early 2025, and will take in the region of 8 weeks to complete; further information shall be issued on the specifics of this in due course.

Should you require any further information at this stage, please contact the Structures Delivery Team via enquiries@southwales-tra.gov.uk.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir / Yours faithfully,

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