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Dear Sir / Madam

**Ref: R1 Llanthony – County boundary road closure update**

As you know the R1 remains closed at the county boundary at Llanthony. Phase 1 works were completed to secure the lower slopes from further degradation and a monitoring regime set up to further safeguard users in Capel- y-Ffin from transient and essential use. A Permanent solution has now been designed and funding secured.

This Phase 2 work was scheduled to start in November 2022 but was withdrawn following contractual issues which would have forced the main construction work into the coldest winter period which would have made the proposed diversion across the Gospel pass untenable and caused disruption to the lambing season.

Following further damage to the upper slopes during Januarys prolonged, heavy rain we have redesigned certain elements and settled on a new delivery program. This accommodates the weather risk on the diversion and lambing season.

We now anticipate the main construction work to commence on 24/05/23 for 10 wks and will include:

- New gabion retaining walls to the hillside embankment
- Improved drainage
- New vehicle barriers
- New road surface

Local arrangements will be made with the Capel-y-Ffin community for essential and emergency access, but the road will be impassable for the general population during the course of the works.

We thank you for your patience during this extended period of disruption.

Yr Eiddoch yn gywir/Yours sincerely

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