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Dear *Mike,*

Thank you for your letter of 2 June regarding Petition P-05-690 Resurfacing of the A40 Raglan-Abergavenny Road. I appreciate you forwarding the latest comments made by the petitioners and Nick Ramsay AM.

As explained in previous responses, the A40 at this location is not life expired and there are currently no plans to resurface it. However, work will commence in the current financial year to design suitable noise mitigation measures for the current Priority 1 section of the A40/Usk Road roundabout. Implementation is anticipated from 2018/19, depending on available funding and the relative priority of other schemes in the programme. Alternative measures to new surfacing such as noise fences are typically better at mitigating noise in the long term than new surfacing which can reduce in effectiveness over time.

The current priority list will also be reviewed this financial year following a new noise survey of the motorway and trunk road network. It is important to note therefore that priorities could change and new sections of trunk road may enter the programme.

Yours ever,

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