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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 25 October regarding Petition P-05-690 enclosing a copy of your report summarising the Committee's consideration of the petition which called for the concrete surface of the A40 road between Raglan and Abergavenny to be replaced with whisper tarmac.

We accept road traffic noise is highly dependent on the road surface, particularly concrete and particularly at high speeds.

The detailed design of the noise mitigation measures for Priority 1 Noise Action Plan Priority sites along this section of the A40 is already underway. The measures, which will be implemented in the 2019/20 financial year consist of noise barriers in proximity to the Priority 1 Noise Action Plan sites.

Whilst we have no plans to resurface the A40 road between Raglan and Abergavenny, officials are currently trialling a section of surface treatment on the westbound carriageway. The trial is being undertaken to establish potential durability and noise reduction and if effective, may be suitable for application along the whole route.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours ever,
Ken

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