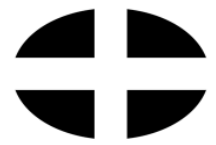




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RFA2 Campaign Success

Friday 13th February 2009

Members of the Temple to Bodmin A30 Action Group attended the South West Regional Assembly Executive meeting today in Taunton to hear whether the Temple to Bodmin still had any hope of being realised.

The Chairman, Mick Martin stated:

"It is with great pleasure, that I can announce that the Temple to Bodmin project has been endorsed by the Executive committee and has been included in the RFA2 proposals."

"This is a major coup for the Temple to Bodmin A30 Action Group and all of the many supporters of this campaign throughout Cornwall and the rest of the UK. I would especially like to thank all those that have taken the time and trouble to sign petitions, write letters in support or who have provided the means to get us to this point."

"Let us make no bones about it. This is an important step in achieving our goal of getting the road actually dualled, but it remains to be seen if there is the political will to ensure that Cornwall will finally get this vital problem solved."

The addition of the Temple to Bodmin scheme to the RFA2 list means that the project can be considered, though probably not until 2014-2018. If it had not been included, then under the current arrangements it would not be reconsidered until 2019 at the earliest.

Mick continued:

"Its been a long hard slog for the past 22 months and the next 22 now look decidedly interesting. Notwithstanding this setback to our plans I would like to acknowledge and thank:

- The Temple to Bodmin Committee for their dedication and commitment to the campaign.

- The FSB for their unstinting support, even when the chips were down. Representatives of all three major political parties who have ensured that this issue is fully known about in Westminster.
- Officers of Cornwall County Council.
- Members of NCDC and local Parish Councils for their financial support. Officers of the Highways Agency.
- The continual lobbying by the business community and members of the public on our behalf.

And this is just the start of the campaign!"

The RFA2 list will now be reviewed by other committees including the SW Regional Development Agency before passing to the Minister of State for Transport. The Temple to Bodmin group will continue to lobby for this scheme at all stages of this process to ensure that the dualling can be rescheduled at the earliest possible opportunity.

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Please contact me if you need any further information or wish to arrange interviews.

Regards

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