



Campaign Against the Levels Motorway
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Where now?

With last year's devastating announcement of the Black Route, and the loss of a judicial review, we've been wondering where we go from here. The future of the beautiful Gwent Levels seems more uncertain than ever.

It's important to realise that nothing is set in stone, and the fight is not over. In fact, we're about to ramp things up because now is the time for action.

The Welsh elections are around the corner, and with all of the parties, except Labour, publicly stating their opposition to the Black Route, the outcome of the election could change everything. Now is the time to lobby both parties and candidates and influence party manifestos.

Plans for the relief road are proceeding – surveys are being carried out and there's a series of public exhibitions in September. We're examining everything closely to make sure the true value of the levels is taken into account, and make sure the public aren't misled as to the impacts and costs of the road.

Finally, now is the time to get our message out there – the Gwent Levels are wonderful as they are, and we don't need a new road driving up greenhouse gas emissions. We need to let people know what's happening, and how they can help us save the Levels.

Next CALM Meeting

**Monday 7th September
7.30pm Newport Civic Centre
Committee Room 7**

**Please come to discuss the
latest developments and
support the campaign**



Public Exhibitions

Please attend a public exhibition in September – a list of dates and locations is available here: <http://gov.wales/topics/transport/roads/schemes/m4-road/m4/?lang=en>

Some questions you might want to ask:

- How much will the road cost?
- How will the road affect wildlife? Are there any rare and endangered species in the path of the road?
- How much extra greenhouse gases will be emitted as a result of the construction, and the increased traffic?
- How visible will the road be – will you be able to see it from the Wales Coastal Path?
- How does the road affect the historic landscape and archaeology of the Gwent Levels?

These are questions that Welsh Government doesn't want to answer – we need to show them that local people deserve to know the full impact of the proposals. Please attend an exhibition, and state your opposition to the relief road.

Seen anything interesting lately?

When you're out and about on the Gwent Levels – please take your camera and a notebook! We are in need of both wildlife records and images we can use for raising public awareness.

If you've seen wonderful wildlife, send your records to www.sewbrec.org.uk

If you've taken a great picture of the lovely landscape or wildlife, or a picture of people enjoying this special place, please send it to sjones@gwentwildlife.org

Please stay within open access land or on public rights of way. Do not enter private land without the owners' permission.



Staying in touch

Are you receiving this newsletter for the first time? We've updated our mailing list to include new supporters, people who've responded to recent consultations, and those who have supported us in the past. If you don't want to receive communication from CALM, please let the secretary know.

Join the CALM group on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26900967173/>

Email the CALM secretary – Sorrel Jones sjones@gwentwildlife.org

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