

# Llangefni Link Road final section completed

During the visit to Anglesey today, the Minister said the completed scheme would bring great benefits to the local area and Anglesey as whole.

The Llangefni Link Road connects Coleg Menai and Bryn Cefni Business Park, key sites in the Anglesey Enterprise Zone, with the A5114 and A55 and will improve traffic congestion in the town centre. It is also vital in facilitating the delivery of Grwp Llandrillo Menai's Masterplan to develop their Llangefni Campus into an internationally-renowned Energy and Engineering Training Facility and supporting the expansion of Bryn Cefni Business Park.

The Link Road has been delivered in four sections with the Welsh Government investing more than £10 million in the scheme.

Ken Skates officially opened sections one and two of the link road in March 2017, before section four was opened to traffic in December 2017.

The project as a whole has received funding from the Welsh Government, Isle of Anglesey County Council, Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

Ken Skates said:

"A high quality and connected transport system is absolutely vital to achieving economic growth in North Wales and I am delighted to officially open the final section of Llangefni Link Road which is key in enabling people to access jobs and services.

"This is an important project that will bring benefits both to the local area and to the island of Anglesey. It is also a great example of partnership working, with the Welsh Government, Isle of Anglesey County Council, Grŵp Llandrillo-Menai and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority all contributing to the successful delivery of the scheme.

"I am particularly pleased that the scheme has helped support the construction of new business units on Bryn Cefni Industrial Estate and an extension to the Anglesey Business Centre, helping local businesses to grow and providing welcome job opportunities.

"The link road is also essential to the development of Grwp Llandrillo Menai's Pencraig Campus which will provide high quality education and training.

"The Welsh Government is investing hundreds of millions of pounds in transport infrastructure in North Wales and the Llangefni Link

Road is a vital part of our vision of delivering better transport connectivity.

"The completion of this scheme is a clear demonstration of our commitment to Anglesey and the wider area.

"Following the recent news about Wylfa Newydd, we continue to put pressure on the UK Government into assuring us they are doing everything possible to bring this project to Anglesey and move things forward."

Anglesey's portfolio holder for Highways, Waste and Property, Councillor Bob Parry, said:

"The Llangefni Link Road will help secure significant economic benefit opportunities for Llangefni and Anglesey. It will provide a key driver for the expansion of the Grŵp Llandrillo Menai campus and further training opportunities for our young people. The project will also improve access to our Enterprise Zone sites and A55 expressway, and help overcome traffic constraints in Llangefni.

"I'd like to thank the Minister, Ken Skates, and the Welsh Government for their support in bringing this project to fruition. I would also like to thank both contractors, Alun Griffiths and Jones Bros, for their excellent work alongside the project team."

Anglesey Council Leader, Councillor Llinos Medi, added:

"Investment in infrastructure projects like the link road are key in delivering our economic vision for Anglesey. The County Council will work to secure additional support and commitment to finance other projects to drive economic regeneration on the Island. Our initial focus will be on the north of Anglesey given recent announcements in the area; and we will continue to work with partners locally, regionally and nationally to strengthen our economy; support businesses and provide employment."

Dafydd Evans, chief executive of Grŵp Llandrillo Menai said:

"As a College, we are very pleased to see this final section opened as it will allow the campus at Llangefni to develop into a strategically important location for skills development."