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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

The Roman Roads project was initiated in 2002/03 and follows on from a study of Roman fort environs. Similar projects are being carried out by the other Welsh Archaeological Trusts. Regular liaison meetings are being held in order to ensure compatibility of methodology and data.

All of the surviving Roman forts and fortlets in the county are Scheduled Ancient Monuments but their surroundings were usually not included within the scheduled areas. The Roman fort environs project in Gwynedd produced a clearer picture of the extensive remains around almost all of the forts and provided scheduling and management recommendations. The second phase of the project is seeking to provide recommendations for the roads in the county. A very small sample of Roman roads appear in the schedule, usually short lengths around the forts, or segments that happen to pass through existing scheduled areas. Musson and Martin (1998, 38) note that, in Wales, 'of 253 Roman 'roads' and 'road segments' only 5 stretches are scheduled. There is surely a case here for scheduling enhancement'. The linear nature of Roman roads has also led to serious under recording on the regional Historic Environment Records (HER, formerly Sites and Monuments Records). Many have been located by single grid references with only occasional lengths transcribed onto maps. This has in turn led to a lack of adequate information being available during planning consultations. A project carried out by Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust in 2001-3 (Silvester and Owen 2003, CPAT report 527) developed a methodology for transcribing Roman road information onto a computerised Geographical Information System (GIS). This allows detailed routes and background information to be instantly accessible to the HER and thus to the planning process. The present project has adopted this approach and has produced a complete (GIS) record of the current body of data about Roman roads in Gwynedd. The main routes were digitised and entered into the database in the second year of the project and the results integrated into the Gwynedd Historic Environment Record. A report was also produced containing a hard copy of the data and summaries of all of the routes along with background information. The present report is an update of this and includes the results of the third year's work on the project. This comprised the digitisation of roads published by Waddelove, a comparative study of a sample of extant roads and an in depth study of several areas that had been highlighted as needing future work in order to resolve problems and inconsistencies in the data set.

2. PREVIOUS RESEARCH

The study of Roman roads in Wales dates back to at least the 17th Century with Edward Lhuyd noting in *Parochialia*, several roads reported by his correspondents. Roman roads seem to have held a particular fascination ever since. Fenton records several lengths of roads in his Tours in Wales, 1804-1813 as do several other writers at the time.

The first attempt to produce a wider account of the Roman roads in Britain was carried out by Thomas Codrington in 1903, but provides little information about roads in Wales. The Ordnance Survey produced their first Map of Roman Britain in 1924. An account of the Roman Roads of Wales was produced in several volumes by S O'Dwyer in the 1930s (O'Ddwyer 1934 and 1935). These accounts assembled much of the contemporary information about Roman roads but also collected a lot of spurious accounts and indulged in 'join the dots' style projection of the road routes. O'Dwyer's insistence that no metalled roads were constructed between Roman times and the latter part of the 18th century inevitably leads to the labelling of any 'old road' as Roman. These accounts include much interesting information but have rightly been regarded with suspicion by subsequent workers in the field.

The first coherent account of Roman roads in Wales was produced by Ivan Margary in his *Roman Roads in Britain* (1955 and 57, 3rd edition in one volume 1973). He devised a numbering system for the roads which is still used today, albeit in a somewhat expanded fashion. This work must therefore be seen as forming the basis for the current project.

By the 1970s many of the major individual routes in North Wales had been examined in detail with published accounts being produced by Irvine (1956) Jones (1959), Bowen and Gresham (1967) and the RCAHM (1956, 1960 and 1964) amongst others. In the early 1970s, the Ordnance Survey began a programme of work, to assess the authenticity of the postulated Roman roads throughout the country. Field investigations were carried out along all of the credible routes and the results were used to update the published Ordnance Survey maps along with the *Historical Map and Guide to Roman Britain* (Latest edition, Ordnance Survey 2001). Clearly only a small proportion of the information could be added to published maps. The results of the survey were retained in an archive, now held by the NMR in Aberystwyth, as a series of annotated linear maps along with additional notes assessing each route in detail. This archive represents the most thorough study of the Roman roads of Wales to date.

Further detailed work has been carried out on some roads. Aerial reconnaissance has been shown to be an invaluable tool, some roads that are all but invisible on the ground are clearly visible on aerial photographs with a low angle of incident light (see Crew and Musson 1996, 30-1). Work in this field is currently being carried out by the RCAHMW and Hugh Toller amongst others. A detailed approach incorporating aerial reconnaissance, fieldwalking and detailed topographical survey has yielded good results on the Caersws to Caer Gai road (Jones, Putnam and Toller 1998, 117-9).

The most recent major publication is an account of the discoveries of Edmund Waddelove (1999) comprising a detailed account of over 200 miles of 'previously undiscovered Roman roads', mainly in Gwynedd. There is a huge amount information in this volume. Examination of parts of his routes by various workers in the field, including evaluation work for the current project, suggests that some of his findings require further verification perhaps by excavation and documentary study. The volume was reviewed by Hugh Toller (1998, 246).

3. THE CURRENT STATE OF THE RESOURCE

The mountainous terrain of North Wales resulted in a layout and morphology of roads that is still poorly understood despite the research that has been carried out. Margary noted that:

'Much of the country [of Wales], even when not actually mountainous, is very hilly and broken, rendering aligned roads out of the question and causing frequent construction of terraced roads which are usually much narrower than normal. Thus the roads, where visible in their original form, are often only some 9 feet wide, and a large agger, wide ditches, or a well-marked alignment are rarely seen, all factors which render the observation and recognition of roads as Roman work unusually difficult.'

It is interesting to note that the Ordnance Survey *Historical Map and Guide to Roman Britain* (2001) only classifies the route of 40km of road in Gwynedd as 'definite' and 70km as 'possible'. The total length of road must have exceeded 280km. Varying amounts of data exist for the missing 170km. The approximate lines of some routes are dictated by geography but their exact lines are in dispute, others such as a likely road across Anglesey are unknown.

An interrogation of the Historic Environment Record at the beginning of the current project produced 26 records of which 14 referred to established routes with Margary classification codes. The remainder of the records referred to short, well-preserved subsections of established routes, mainly around forts, multiperiod trackways with possible early origins and roads of Roman date that are not military roads. A road at Clefiog Uchaf near Valley on Anglesey (Davidson and Kurcharski 1999) has been taken as an example of the latter. This was discovered during works in advance of the new A55 road and is associated with a Romano-British settlement but does not clearly display the typical features of a Roman military road. Detailed transcriptions of the published routes were almost non existent and it was clear that the SMR could not adequately inform either the planning process or more general research functions in this field. The second year of the current project resolved many of these problems. The availability of digitised information from the OS linear files and published sources has already produced a heightened awareness of Roman roads in the planning process and Tir Gofal agrienvironmental scheme and is proving to be useful in ongoing research in the field.

4. HISTORICAL DISCUSSION

The most visible Roman monuments in the landscape of North-West Wales are a series of auxiliary forts belonging to the Flavian consolidation of Roman rule in North Wales in the late 70s AD. One undated, although probably early Flavian, invasion fort at Llanfor represents the earliest known installation. No evidence has yet emerged for the campaigns of Paulinus (as recorded by Tacitus) culminating in the attack on Anglesey in 60 AD.

The auxiliary forts are about 17-20 km apart and would have been linked by an all-weather road system. Dr Jeffrey Davies notes that 'the garrison posts would have been mutually supporting with any serious trouble being tackled by a concentration of auxiliary regiments' (Arnold and Davies 2000, 16). He also notes that well engineered roads would have opened up the country for trade and exploitation of mineral resources (*ibid.*, 35).

This well ordered network allows us to make certain inferences about gaps in the archaeological record. There is a suspiciously long gap of 37km between Segontium and Canovium suggesting the presence of an as yet undiscovered fort close to the strategically important Menai Straits. The lack of roads and proven forts on Anglesey clearly represents the most obvious gap in the road and fort network. Limited excavations in 1973-4 within the village of Aberffraw revealed the bank and ditch of what may be a Roman fort (White 1979) but the lack of datable finds leaves this open to question. Various other 'ancient roads' and concentrations of findspots have been recorded, most notably around Dwyran and Talwrn (HER records) but concrete evidence is still lacking.

5. THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ROMAN ROADS

The current project is concentrating on Roman Military roads. These were built to a well-defined pattern that can allow a well-preserved Roman Road to be identified, with a fair degree of certainty, without supporting datable evidence.

A 'typical' Roman road (Davies 2002, 33) is often fairly straight and consists of a central linear mound or agger on which a metalled surface is constructed. This is flanked on either side by large drainage ditches. Two strips of land, which are levelled but not usually metalled, and are demarcated by smaller outer ditches, flank the road. The agger may be of varying widths with the average width of metalling for roads in Britain being 6.5m. The metalling most commonly consists of crushed stone, pebbles and gravel sometimes mixed with sand (68% of excavated examples in Britain). Roughly cobbled surfaces are found on 22% of roads with paving occurring on only 4%. There are also usually several foundation layers producing an average depth of metalling of 51cm (*ibid.* 53-66).

This typical road type is often encountered in lowland Britain but may not be typical of upland roads. Margary notes that upland roads may only be 9 feet wide and a large agger, wide ditches or a well marked alignment are rarely seen. Records of well preserved upland roads, e.g., at Pen y Stryd and Caer Tyddyn near Brithdir (Crew and Musson 1996, 30-1) suggest that typical upland aggers are about 4.5m wide with fairly small inner ditches. A section across the remote upland road at Blaen-lliw-uchaf (Kelly 1986, 170-1) revealed a 4.2m wide agger with metalling of broken stone and clayey soil. Shallow side ditches about 1.2m wide were identified. None of the outer works have been identified in association with roads in Gwynedd. One of the most common associated features is a series of quarry pits, often set back a few metres from the road. The material for the agger and metalling was obtained from these. The siting of the quarry pits presumably indicates that wide strips were not cleaned alongside upland roads; the fact that they are set back a little from the edge of the road perhaps indicates a contraction of the lowland style with only narrow cleared strips alongside the road.

6. AIMS AND METHODOLOGY

The scoping project revealed that the initial priority for the Roman Roads project should be the production of a data set containing details of all the known and suspected roads in Gwynedd that is compatible with the HER. Data from this could then be used to make scheduling and management agreements and inform the planning process, etc. The main source of data available to the project has been the Ordnance Survey linear files. These were compiled by the OS for mapping purposes throughout the 1970s and mid 80s until the RCAHMW took over the archaeological role of the OS in

1984. A copy of these files was made available to GAT at the beginning of the current phase of the project. Additional data has been obtained from the HER, published accounts, discussion with other workers in the field and from fieldwork carried out as part of the current project in tandem with the database production. The project has been conducted using a GIS programme, MapInfo, alongside a Microsoft Access database. This has produced data that is directly compatible with both Gwynedd HER and CPAT data.

Each Roman road has been digitised as a series of conjoining linear MapInfo files defined by information that exists about their form and survival. Each segment has been allocated a separate PRN and data has been attached to each record in accordance with the database fields proposed by CPAT with a few minor modifications to ensure HER compatibility. The digitised routes were mainly derived from the OS linear files as were the assessments of status and form. More recent or more detailed routes were added where applicable and as field work progressed. The 'short text' field (see below, Appendix 1) was used to enter a summary of descriptions from primary data sources, usually OS linear files, published reports or current fieldwork. The 'new text' field was used to enter comments, where appropriate, by the compiler.

Each road has been assessed by form, condition, survival and status. The latter field is of particular importance as it gives a basic confidence rating for the road. There are many 'Roman roads' both on the HER and in published literature and it was felt to be important to be able to differentiate between proven roads, hypothetical roads and roads from other periods etc. The roads in the database are classified as follows.

- i) Known. A proven road. Extant earthwork or as a well-recorded buried feature.
- ii) Proposed. Conjectural sections either linking known segments or as hypothetical road alignments for which there is some physical evidence.
- iii) Predicted. Virtually no substantive evidence for a road other than someone's belief and/or conjectural road alignment with no known traces. Where the authenticity of a road is in significant doubt this is the highest level of status that can be achieved.
- iv) Discounted. Where a road has subsequently been disproved by a reliable authority or where an alternative line has now been accepted

6.1 Fieldwork

Targeted fieldwork has been carried out in tandem with the desktop analysis. In the second year of the project this initially examined a selection of better preserved roads, Bwlch y Ddeufaen (RR67c), Pen y Stryd (RR69b), Brithdir Triangles (RRN 51) and Gyrn to Bryn Melyn (RR642), as 'case studies', by fieldwalking and basic GPS plotting in order to confirm their detailed routes, make management recommendations and formulate strategies for further assessment. This has been expanded in the third year to include 60% of the roads in the known and proposed categories. These categories include all roads that can be expected to include extant archaeology. In addition to this more detailed investigations have been made of parts of Roads RRX95 (Segontium – Penllystyn - Tomen Y Mur), RRX48 (Segontium to Caer Llugwy), Roads around Caer Gai and Tomen y Mur (RR68, 69 66 etc) along with some additional work on RR67c (Canovium to Segontium) and Anglesey. The more detailed work consisted of a more integrated approach, involving desktop and aerial photograph studies prior to the fieldwork and the replotting of routes using GPS. Detailed photographic records were made of these sites supplemented by hand drawn details where necessary. The information obtained has been integrated into the database and is summarised in section 7 below.

6.2 Terminology

Roman roads have been recorded using several numbering and naming systems. The following conventions were used in the database.

i. Name: Each road is usually known by a single name that has been previously recorded in the SMR. This generally refers to the forts at either end. A secondary name is sometimes recorded, e.g. Sarn Helen. ii. Margary/Ordnance Survey number. Margary provided a numbering system for all of the roads that he identified in Britain. Subsequent discoveries have led to a refinement of this system. The OS and RCAHM have added a series of prefixes to produce four series of numbers (RCAHMW 1974):

Routes considered to be Roman by Margary are numbered in a series prefixed by RR

Routes considered to be Roman by the OS but not listed by Margary are prefixed with RRX.

Routes considered to be Roman but not listed by Margary are prefixed RRN

Miscellaneous records not covered by the above are prefixed RRZ.

In the present report, several new RRN numbers were added. These were assigned a series of numbers starting at RRN 50. These will be treated as temporary designations until confirmed by other participants in the Pan Wales Roman Roads project in order to avoid duplication.

- iii. PRN (road). Each named road has a PRN allocated to it.
- iv. Name (part of) Each digitised section has a name. Usually 'part of Roman road XXX to XXX', referring to the overall road name.
- v. PRN (Section). Each digitised section has a separate PRN. The database then has a 'part of' field referring this to the PRN of the complete road.

6.3 Incorporated Data

All of the roads recorded in the OS linear files have been digitised along with most other published routes, and all routes recorded in the HER. The roads described by Edmund Waddelove in *The Roman Roads of North Wales, Recent Discoveries (1999)* have now been added to the data set. Waddelove 'describes some 200 miles of previously undiscovered Roman roads' mainly in Gwynedd, in some detail. These roads have yet to be 'peer reviewed' in the way that most of the routes on the OS linears have been. Many of the roads are not 'previously undiscovered', at least in their general direction, but several contentious new routes, e.g., from Segontium to Nefyn and Porthmadog to Dolgellau via Harlech, require further examination. These roads have not been digitised in the same detail as the OS files. Each road has been digitised from the published map as a single entity i.e. not divided up into separate PRNs. New PRNs will be allocated to each part of the roads to be assessed in the field.

The following data have been excluded.

1. The roads postulated by O'Dwyer (1934 and 1935). O'Dwyer's pamphlets suggested many Roman roads throughout Gwynedd. His methods have been considered to be unsafe by almost all subsequent workers in the field. The more sensible routes have all been described elsewhere and there seemed to be little point in incorporating large volumes of suspect data into the HER.

7. RESULTS

7.1 Introduction

The principal product of the project is the GIS database which is fully integrated into the HER. The data is thus available in an easily accessible, graphical, form via MapInfo linear files. A total of 824km of Roman road (including alternative routes) have been digitised in 341 sections, each with a separate description and range of database entries. The list of fields used in the database is included below in Appendix 1. This is based on the fields set out in *Roman Roads in Mid and North-East Wales* Appendix 2 (Silvester and Owen 2003).

A gazetteer of the roads based on selected details from the database is included below as Appendix 2 and a series of maps showing all of the digitised routes included in a separate volume. An account of each of the different roads is included below, including recommendations for further research, assessments of the status of the routes and indications of specific threats damage and management recommendations.

7.2 The Roman Roads of Gwynedd

Road RR67c Canovium to Segontium (PRN 3842) Maps 1-6

Description

The road from Deva to Segontium appears as Iter XI in the Antonine Itinerary. It names intermediate stations at *Kanovium* in the Conwy Valley and *Varae*, probably St. Asaph. Six milestones have been recorded alongside the road within Gwynedd, one found at Gorddinog (PRN 4066) naming the fort in the Conwy Valley as *Kanovium*.

The route on maps 1-6 is traced from Segontium in the west to Canovium at the east. There is some uncertainty about the line of the road between Segontium to Aber. There are no definite extant remains and the previously published proposed routes mainly rely on topographical arguments along with occasional alignments of modern features. A line following a modern road past the earthwork/signal station at Bryn Glas (PRN 3689) to the site of the milestone at Ty Coch (PRN 18) was proposed by Margary (1967, 350-1) and Hemp (1923, 171-5). Traces of the road are said to have been found at Caergarw (PRN 17562) and Llanddeiniolen (PRN 17565). Excavations in 1966 by pupils of John Bright School, Llandudno failed to find any trace at the latter (Evans, 1966).

A study of aerial photographs of this area held by the Central Register of Aerial Photography for Wales was carried out during this year's project. Nothing was visible on the majority of the APs (mainly OS an RAF from the 1970s-90s) but a sortie flown in 1986 by J A Story for the SNP shows a series of linear features close to Margary's route. Three principal lengths of potential road can be seen all of which cut across the modern field system. The first (PRNs 17830-1) can be traced for 1.4 km just to the south of Bryn Glas earthwork/signal station. Hedgerows also continue this alignment for a further 1.3km to the north-east. If extrapolated a further 1.5km to the south-west the alignment runs to the south-east gate of Segontium. Two field visits were made to the most clearly defined north-eastern end of this feature. The first was in 'flat' light on an overcast day and nothing could be seen. A further visit with low sunlight revealed a low linear earthwork in improved pasture.

The second alignment runs along Margary's route to the south-west of Llandeiniolen rectory (PRN 17833) and can be traced for 390m; a footpath follows the same alignment for a further 600m. .

Margary recorded that traces of the road had been found here and this length of earthwork has been reported as being visible in low light by a local resident in recent years. The excavations in 1966 suggest that this is a natural feature but it may be worth reassessing the results. Roman roads have been shown to be difficult to recognise in section particularly in improved pasture. A section cut through the possible road near Druid (SJ033431) in improved pasture by Hugh Toller in 2003 was defined only by small side ditches and a thin layer of gravel on a slight agger of clay. The excavators at Llandeiniolen may well have been expecting something more substantial.

The third possible alignment is just to the north of Ty'n-llwyn near Glasynfryn. A linear earthwork is clearly visible on the aerial photographs, running for 1km through improved pasture (PRN 17834). Despite several field visits this cannot be clearly traced on the ground, although a very low earthwork is visible in places. A Possible continuation in the form of a cropmark close to Tynyffridd (PRN 17835) is slightly less convincing and takes the line 1km to the south of the Ty Coch milestone (not found *in situ*).

An inland deviation, perhaps linking with a road through the Llanberis pass was suggested by RCAHM (1956 lxxxiii). Evidence on the ground is again sparse although a milestone (PRN 2419) found within a hutgroup at Caer-bythod near Llys Dinorwig suggests that a road may have run close to this line.

Margary's line from Ty Coch to Aber mainly follows the line of hedgerows and lanes again with little evidence on the ground until it reaches the site of a milestone at Madryn Farm (PRN 368). The road turns inland at this point, two milestones found at Gorddinog (PRN 4066) indicate its approximate line as it climbs into the uplands. There are several descriptions of the 8km length of trackway passing over Bwlch y Ddeufaen. Bezant-Lowe (1927 132-4) records lengths of a paved road, 6ft wide. RCAHM (1956, lxxii) and the OS investigators record lengths of shelves and banks along with fragments of paving. FK Bush of the OS field investigation team concludes, however, that "the only

extant portions of this road lie between SH732715 and 720716, (i.e. PRN 17578), where an agger is visible parallel to the modern road for short stretches" (OS linear file RR67C1971).

The road across Bwlch v Ddeufaen was investigated in some detail as part of the present project. The main problem with this route is the complexity of the remains. The route is clearly multiperiod, the prehistoric remains alongside the road suggest that it was an ancient trackway and it was probably used more or less continuously, as a way of avoiding the perilous cliffs at Penmaenmawr, until the 18th century. At this point, there was an attempt to make a turnpike of the route. This was aborted and a road through the Sychnant pass was constructed (Dodd 1925, 130 and 132). In more recent times electricity pylons were constructed along the line of the old road and a maintenance road was constructed. This has been upgraded in the last few years, probably obliterating some of the features recorded in the various accounts of the route. A major gas pipeline and a smaller pipe have produced two well aligned linear features that run close to the line of the old road and have confused some investigators. Most of the route shown on the OS linear files follows a modern track with an assortment of hollow-ways banks and gullies running along-side it. Initial impressions suggested that it may not be possible to assign these features to any particular period without excavation. Aerial photographs (RAF 1948 CPE/UK2525 4058-62 and 4058-62 4040-42) predating of the modern track and pipelines were examined. This presented a clearer picture of the multiple trackways running across the uplands. This was followed by further field visits. It became clear that there is more extant road than recorded by the OS.

The route of the climb from the coastal plain to the uplands is still unresolved. The most obvious route would seem to be up Nant y Felin-fach (PRN 17588) close to the two milestones found close to Rhwiau-uchaf. Unfortunately no traces of the Roman road have been found on this alignment. Both the modern and an older track that run close to the findspots were sectioned by Wm B Halhed (1912, 320) and both were found to be less than 2.5m wide and do not appear to be of Roman character. None of the early routes running from the Bwlch appear to run on this alignment, although the northernmost is fairly close. It is, of course possible that the milestones had been moved. Halhed notes that both were quite well buried 'showing only a small portion above the ground' so it seems that they, at least, had not been moved recently. The closest early route that is still detectable runs about 300m to the northeast of the findspots. This appears to run to the Roman road on the bwlch but is multiphase and eroded. It is clearly visible on RAF 1948 aerial photographs which show several phases and diversions to be present. The road runs through improved pasture and parts of it are now barely visible on the ground. A zigzag (PRN17842) apparently belonging to the earliest phase runs up from the modern road to the north-east of Rhiwiau isaf. This has recently been modernised and no early features are visible. The road the follows a field boundary and is almost lost in the improved pasture. It joins the route traced by the OS team as a deep hollow way (PRN 1/7570) running fairly directly up a steep slope. The zigzag traced by the OS seems to belong to a later phase. The road can then be traced mainly as a series of hollow ways until it emerges into unimproved land to the south of Tyddyn-y-waen. No features that can positively be identified as Roman survive along this part of the route. The latter part is shown on the 1891 6 inch as a path and was visible on the RAF aerial photographs. It has since been largely destroyed by a shallow trench cut to accommodate the base of a rebuilt drystone wall. RCAHM recorded the Roman road surviving as a level shelf once it reached the unimproved uplands. This is still clearly visible as a 4 to 5m wide terrace running up to the boundary to Ffridd Newydd (PRN 17841). Several phases of road are present; the latest is part of a network of later paths and tracks running from Llanfairfechan to the modern track across Bwlch y Ddeufaen. Connections with the earlier route are not easily visible perhaps as a result of repairs and upgrades to the later track. A few debatable quarry pits can be seen on the north side of the terrace but they could be later features. Both Bezant-Lowe and RCAHM record the road as continuing along a shelf with the modern drystone wall running along its eastern edge. This is still clearly visible, the wall runs along the outside of a 5m wide, well defined terrace (PRN 17571) for 750m. Quarry pits are visible above, and set back slightly from, the road. Bezant-Lowe records that paved road 6 ft wide was found by excavation with a surface of small flat stones, in some parts quite closely fitted together. He states that larger flat stones may have been the foundation and the thickness of surface was from 3 to 6 inches. The Roman features to the east of this, where the modern track runs close to the wall (PRN 17572) have been largely destroyed. Bezant-Lowe also notes that Mr Richard Williams of Hengae states that his grandfather could remember the roadside wall being built from stones taken from the road. The excavated road seems to be narrow perhaps belonging to a later phase, but the earthwork and characteristic quarry pits indicate a Roman origin for this stretch of road. The line of the road then diverges from the field wall and runs towards a ford across the eastern branch of the Afon Glan-Sais. There are several phases present here and Roman

features are not obvious. The river bed and ford run at a level about 2m below the earlier road surfaces and the modern track has destroyed any earlier features. RCAHM conclude that the river must have been crossed by a bridge but the current level of the crossing could be the result of many years of erosion.

The road on the east side of the river is well preserved (PRNs 17573-4) and visible as a 4m to 5m wide agger running in a straight alignment for 720m. The roadside ditches are, in places, quite eroded making the agger very obvious. The agger is cut by a path at the east end of 17573 revealing what appears to be a foundation of stones and clay along with gravel metalling. There are several other phases of trackway present, almost all running to the north and visible as hollow ways. The road turns slightly to the south when it reaches the modern track. It is initially largely destroyed with only slight traces of a terrace and quarry pits visible on the upper side of the track (PRN 17575). The modern track and earlier roads again diverge at the drystone wall marking the parish boundary. The earlier road splits into two hollow ways neither of which retain any Roman road bed. The most southerly is, however, flanked by quarry pits suggesting that is the eroded line of the Roman road. This then crosses the modern track and runs uphill initially as a 5m wide cutting and terrace and then as an eroded agger. A milestone (PRN 4688) was discovered here in 1954 (RCAHM 1964, 122).

The OS record the road to the to the east of this as "extant". This is visible as a 'relatively uncomplicated earthwork consisting of a low bank, possibly the Roman agger, and a hollow way'. The modern road runs just below the Roman road and this has, at least, prevented more recent erosion. The present earthwork is generally accepted to be of Roman origin although it obviously retains features of other periods. The modern road overlies the Roman road to the east of Cae Coch for a little over 1km. RCAHM record that "faint traces of a bank appear under the S wall of the existing track" just to the north of Maen y Bardd. Several indications of an earlier road are also visible on the RAF 1948 sorties up to this point.

A possible alignment of a series of modern lanes can be traced from the uplands, down the side of the Conwy Valley, through Rowen to Tal y Cafn (RCAHM 1956, lxxiii and OS linear files RR67c, 1971). The site of the river crossing has not been identified but the presence of a road running alongside the River Conwy to the north of the fort has been confirmed by excavation and geophysical survey. (Reynolds 1938, 99-101 and Hopewell 2003, 22-24).

Summary and recommendations for further work

Progress has been made in tracing the line of this road during the present project. Several cropmarks have provided the first indications of a definite line through the lowlands to the north-east of Segontium. Further fieldwork is required here, enough has been done to check that the cropmarks were not the result of major pipelines but landowners need to be contacted and a thorough field and desktop investigation need to carried out before these features can be added to the *known* category. The line of the road from the River Cegin to the turn into the uplands between Aber and Llanfairfechan is still uncertain. Most authorities place it at the top of the coastal plain but no extant road has been identified. The route up the steep slope to Bwlch y Deufaen is still unconfirmed although the milestones suggest a route up Nant y Felin-fach is likely. The road can traced for the 5.8km from Tyddyn-y-waen to Maeny-bardd with a fair degree of certainty. The road is frequently disturbed by later features but enough Roman characteristics remain to confirm its line. The final descent to Canovium is largely projected and no extant Roman features have been identified.

Road RR67b Canovium to Varis (PRN 3841) Map 7

Description

Road 67b forms part of Iter XI running between Deva and Segontium as recorded in the Antonine Itinerary. Margary (1957, 354-6) suggests a general route to Tal-y-Cafn. This was traced in detail by the OS field investigators (OS linear files RR67b 1963-1964). A series of slight features were traced from Rhyd-loyw to Cae-gwyn quay (Map 7). The route was summarised by G Stanhope-Lovell the senior OS surveyor as follows: "The proposed course west of SH 935745 is a tortuous one, and although evidence is strongly suggestive in places, it nowhere amounts to proof. Claims to recognisable remains (extant or on A.P.s) are in all cases challengeable. The investigation was very

thorough, and the course is almost certainly the best that can be deduced from topography, surface features and A.P.s, but on the present evidence it is no more than hypothetical".

Summary and recommendations for further work

The line of this road can probably be classified as 'proposed'. It has clearly been studied in some detail but further information could perhaps be gained from parch-mark evidence and limited excavation.

Road RR69a Canovium to Tomen y Mur (PRN 3844) Maps 8-9

Description

The main north-south Roman road, running between Canovium and Tomen y Mur is commonly known by the later name of Sarn Helen. It has benefited from several detailed studies principally Bowen & Gresham (1967 246-8) RCAHM (1956 lxxi-ii and 1964 lxxxiv) and Reynolds (1930 98-101). The maps (8-16) follow the road from Canovium at the north to Tomen y Mur at the south. The northern part of the route from Canovium to Betws y Coed is described by Margary, Reynolds and RCAHM (1964) as following modern tracks and roads but no definite remains can be traced apart from in the immediate vicinity of the fort. It can probably be assumed that the described route is reasonably accurate as it follows the only topographically workable route along the western side of the Conwy Valley. From Betws y Coed the road probably follows fragmentary tracks to Dolwyddelan. The route south from Dolwyddelan was traced in some detail by Bowen & Gresham (1967 246-8) across the uplands to Tomen y Mur. It survives as recognisable earthworks in several places. It is significant that much of the uplands along this 10km stretch of road are remote and little used. The Moel Bowydd upland survey (Hopewell 2000) identified relatively few sites apart from those associated with sheep farming, peat cutting and slate quarrying. It therefore seems unlikely that the Roman road would have seen much subsequent heavy use. The best-preserved portions are around Beddau Gwyr Ardudwy and immediately to the north of Tomen y Mur. The latter was examined during the present project. The line initially follows the modern road but then can be traced as an agger across rough moorland (PRN 17671). This becomes less clear, possibly as a result of recent disturbance associated with forestry work although a fairly convincing terrace runs into the plantation at to the south of Bryn-yr-odyn (PRN 17672). The road appears to have been destroyed within the forest itself (PRN 17673).

Waddelove (1999, 103-14) calculates that tidal levels were 3m lower than present (Waddelove and Waddelove 1990, see discussion below, p12) and suggests a route along the valley floor from Canovium with the road now being buried under silt (PRN 17818). He then suggests a route from Trefriw to Bryn y Gefeiliau (RR69aa). Both routes require independent conformation.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The northern part of the road runs along a natural transport corridor, the Conwy Valley, and cannot be traced on the ground with any certainty. It is likely that it is overlain by the later roads. Waddelove's version of route would be also be difficult to assess if we assume that the road would be buried beneath river silts.

The southern part of the road, in complete contrast runs across some of the most inhospitable uplands in Gwynedd and probably survives for much of its length. The road to the east of Blaenau Ffestiniog has been disturbed in places by quarrying. Much of it is probably buried by close to 2000 years of peat accumulation. There are however sufficient visible traces to extrapolate its course. There is a high potential for good preservation of the road along with well preserved environmental evidence. The main threat in this area is afforestation. Much of the road through Cwm Penmaen and Bryn Melyn plantations has probably been destroyed. It is important that further encroachment on to the road is kept to a minimum. Most of the road from Dolwyddelan to Tomen y Mur provides opportunities for further study through aerial photographic evidence fieldwalking and possibly excavation, given the potential for the recovery of environmental evidence.

Roads RR69aa Dolwyddelan to Trefriw (PRN 17806) and RRN53 Caer Llugwy to Betws y Coed (PRN 17805) Maps 10-12

Description

If we assume that the line of the road 69a is close to correct, it must be assumed that there was an additional link road to the nearby fort of Caer Llugwy. Three possible routes have been proposed.

Hall (1923, 60-4) traced a route across the uplands between Dolwyddelan and Trefriw i.e. providing a direct link between road 66a and Caer Llugwy. The OS investigators found no traces Roman road along the projected route that mainly follows old tracks and modern roads. Hall also proposed a diversion to the old mines to the east of the fort. It was noted during fieldwork during the Roman Fort Environs phase of the current project that a road, clearly of some antiquity, can be traced from the south gate of the fort along the line of Hall's route to Dolwyddelan (PRN 17708). Waddelove (1999, 108-12) traces a somewhat more direct route across the uplands via Pen y Ffridd quarries and Llyn Glangors (PRN 17830).

The presence of at least part of a more direct link to RR69a was also recorded by Hall and re-examined during the Roman Forts Environs Project. The road from the east gate was clearly visible on the Geophysical Survey (Hopewell 2003, 21) and can be traced either as exposed metalling or earthworks along the south bank of the Afon Llugwy for much of the way between the fort and the eastern side of Pont Ty Hyll. The line becomes less clear towards Betws y Coed, a bank is visible alongside the river to the east of Ty Hyll but could run above the present road.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The upland routes of RR69aa can only be classed as 'predicted' but would certainly benefit from more detailed examination by field walking and aerial photographic analysis. The direct link makes more sense than a meandering trail over the uplands and there is good evidence for this route for about 1km to the east of the fort. Further study of this route, based on the differentiation between the old coach road that followed the southern side of the river and the Roman road, should be seen as a priority.

Road RR68 Part 1 Segontium to Tomen y Mur (PRN 3843) Maps 17-23

Description

Margary (1957 351-2) traces the road between Segontium and Croesor (PRNs 17537-8) along current roads and a 'terrace lane high on the west slopes between Rhyd-ddu and Beddgelert'. The course of the terrace lane could, however not be determined by the OS investigators.

The route between Croesor and the vale of Ffestiniog is described by Bowen & Gresham (1967, 256-8). This follows the line of the old coach road and an earlier pack horse trail (PRNs 17537-8). No extant Roman road was identified by the OS (linear files RR 68 1973).

The remaining 3km between the Vale of Ffestiniog and Tomen y Mur (PRNs 17546-8) follows various tracks and roads and can be followed as terraces and an agger for about 1km before the fort (Bowen & Gresham, OS *ibid*.). The latter part was assessed during the current project. The line of the road is fairly certain from the point where it crosses the minor road to Tomen y Mur 200m from the A470 (PRNs 17549-50). It is initially largely destroyed by a deeply cut modern lane leading to an old barn. A further 50m length of road has been severely damaged by the construction of a new barn. A longitudinal section is visible through the agger (Fig. 2). The metalling consists of small stones gravel and clay and is 10-15cm thick. The body of the agger appears to be about 25 cm thick and built up out of clay subsoil. The original ground service was not visible but the agger appeared to be more stony than the undisturbed subsoil. The road to the south and east of this is generally well preserved initially visible as a 5.5m wide agger running through improved pasture and then as a 5m wide terrace alongside a stream. There has been serious erosion in places where the stream has meandered and cut into the road. The terrace is best preserved in PRN 17550. After this point the road passes through improved pasture and is barely visible except for an oblique hollow running to the corner of the fort. This has been accepted as Roman by Bowen and Gresham (1967) and the OS but seems to be anomalous as it does

not appear to run to a gate. It could be suggested that this should be assigned to a later possibly post-Roman phase.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The line of the Segontium end of the road is mainly 'predicted' and in all probability runs, at least partially, under modern roads. The terrace described by Margary could merit further investigation and this could help to confirm this route. The road to the west of the fort is a little fragmentary but generally well-preserved although recent damage has been recorded where a new barn has been built.

RR68 Part 2 Tomen y Mur to Caer Gai (PRN 3848) Maps 24-26

Description

The whole route was traced in detail and published by Colonel H C Irvine (1956 57-68). The route has subsequently been updated and recorded in more detail principally by Crew and Musson (1996, 30), Kelly (1986, 169-71) and the OS (linear files RR68 1973). Fieldwork for the present project in 2003 and 2004 has added further detail to the published accounts.

The road to the east of Tomen y Mur can be traced as an earthwork for 5.3km. Aerial photography has proved to be vital in defining parts of this road (Crew & Musson 1996, 30-1). This part of the road was also walked and recorded in detail during fieldwork for the present project in 2003. The road leaves the south-east gate of the fort, where bridge abutments followed by a ploughed out agger are visible (PRNs 17602-3) before two alignments are visible skirting a burial mound (PRNs 17503 and 17511). It had been assumed that the road then followed a modern track (PRN 17505) but an aerial photograph taken in light snow cover by Toby Driver (RCAHMW 2004-cs-0415) show that the road runs as a terrace through improved pasture (PRN 17814). It then follows modern tracks (PRN 17506-7) retaining the characteristic Roman quarry pits to the Afon Llafar at Dolddinas. The route can then be traced as an almost undisturbed series of terraces and lengths of agger across the uplands and to the south west of Llyn Hiraethllyn and down the slope to Cwm Prysor (PRN 17509-10). The latter part of this is illustrated particularly well in Crew & Musson. This length of road is almost certainly Roman and undisturbed and as such and provides vital evidence for the character of Roman roads in the uplands.

Irving suggests a more northerly route (PRN 17514) for most of the above, following mine tracks etc. This must now be seen as being doubtful.

The course of the road to the East of Prysor is debatable but Irvine's route below Moel y Slates was confirmed by R S Kelly by excavation in 1986. The road now runs through a break in commercial forestry. Much of Irvine's route to the west and south-east of Moel y Slates was dismissed by the OS surveyors. This was examined in detail as part of the 2004 phase of the present project. Most of the 4.7km of road from Moel yr Wden to Foel Ystrodur Bach was found to be extant and well-preserved. It generally runs through boggy unenclosed uplands and is difficult to see beneath the tussocky grass. A series of aggers, terraces and cuttings, 4.5 to 5m wide, can be traced taking a fairly direct route across the open moorland. (see PRNs 17523-7 and 17807-8). Probing revealed up to 50cm of peat accumulation over some parts, demonstrating that the road has not been used in recent times. This part of the road has good potential for environmental sampling. The Roman road is joined by a later track just to the north of Bryn Cau and runs towards Ffridd Trawscoed. The presence of quarry pits suggests a continuation of the Roman alignment although the present track has clearly been upgraded (PRN 17528). Recent fieldwork during the Tir Gofal agrienvironmental scheme identified a possible length of Roman road (PRN 17804) on a different alignment to Irvine's route but this has now been discounted and is best interpreted as a series of earthworks connected with peat extraction.

Two alternative routes have been suggested for the eastern part of this road, one along the Lliw Valley by Archdeacon Thomas (1885, 199) and one through Y Lordship by Barri Jones (1959, 214 footnote). The OS surveyors failed to find any confirming evidence for either route. A parchmark (PRN 17809) visible on an aerial photograph taken by Hugh Toller in 1989 shows the a road running from the end of the avenue to the west of Caer Gai along the alignment of the Lliw valley route.

P. Crew (1979, 55) suggests a possible side road (PRN 17525) running to kilns at Bwlch y Bi. This is clearly not a major military road as it is barely 2m wide in places but may be a packhorse trail connecting the kilns and the Roman road

Summary and recommendations for further work

About 52% of this road now falls into the *known* category. Much of the western and central parts are extant and include several lengths of relatively undisturbed earthwork. The eastern half is less certain and in places runs through forestry and improved pasture making the detection of surviving road more problematic. There is however, still potential for the discovery of further surviving road on this route.

Road RRX95 Segontium - Pen Llystyn - Tomen y Mur (PRN 17553) Maps 27-34

Description

The northern part of RR68, from Segontium through the Aberglaslyn Pass to Maentwrog is considered to be unlikely due its difficult and dangerous route through the pass (RCAHM 1960 lxi). The discovery of a fort at Pen Llystyn and a bathhouse at Tremadog indicate a more westerly route. Current work by Gwynedd Archaeological Trust has identified further Roman remains by the bathhouse, probably in the form of a grain drying kiln (Kenny pers. com.). It has also been noted by RCAHM (1964 lxxxiv-vi) that a route from Nant Coll to Maentwrog via Dolbenmaen and Traeth Mawr was mentioned in the Mabinogion. Routes have been proposed by RCAHM (1960, lxi & 1964, xxxiv-v) and the OS field investigation team (OS linear files RRX95 1968 – 73). These, for the most part, run along modern roads and tracks and no extant Roman features have been identified. Waddelove suggests a route somewhat to the east of the RCAHM/OS line (PRN 17821), from Segontium to Pen Llystyn and then, somewhat inexplicably, ignores the bath house and suggests a crossing along the line of Maddocks' cob suggesting that lower tidal levels would have made this a good crossing point.

Coastal change and sea levels in the Roman period in North Wales are still open to debate with a fair degree of variation between the results of various studies. It is accepted that sea levels have risen considerably since the last glaciation but the rate of change decreased considerably about 7000yrs BP and changes in the last two millennia have been limited to a few metres. A revision of the sea level curves taken from various studies (Heyworth and Kidson 1982, 110) suggest that sea levels around Britain were only slightly lower in the Roman period and that in North Wales they may have been slightly higher due to isostatic uplift. If evidence from Prestatyn has been correctly interpreted by Jones (1980, 97-102) the sea level may indeed have been higher. Boon (1978, 1-24 and 1980, 24-28) states that evidence from a 3rd century quay at Caerleon shows that Roman sea levels were about half a metre below those of the present day. There were however indications that earlier phases had flooded and as Waddelove and Waddelove (1990) note this appears to indicate rising levels throughout the Roman occupation. They also reinterpret the data by assuming that the quay would be 1m above the Highest Astronomical Tide and thus 2.23m below today's maximum. Their arguments have some merit but data from elsewhere in the area (Boon 1980 and Hawkins 1973) tend to suggest that this is an overestimation. Data from the Somerset levels supports a modest rise in sea levels during the Romano British period (Haslett et al 2001). The siting of forts such as Canovium and Pennal on navigable tidal rivers would also be nonsensical if sea levels were considerably lower.

In conclusion the evidence seems to indicate that tidal levels were fairly close to those of the present day and that a crossing point on the line of the present day Cob would be too wet to be practical. The existence of a bathhouse and possibly other Roman features at Tremadog suggests that the road passed through this area. The RCAHM/OS route from Tremadog onwards, alongside Traeth Mawr (PRN 17560) seems to be unlikely as the land falls extremely steeply to the former salt marsh and any route along this line would have been regularly flooded. The indirect line through the heart of the marshes would therefore have been somewhat impractical. The traditional crossing point, before the marshes were drained, was between Llidiart Yspytty (the area around the bath house) and Minffordd (PRN 17812). This is shown on Evans, 1797 map of Wales. Breese and Anwyl (1909, 493) reproduce a letter from Mr Ellis Owen F.S.A. giving more information about this route (running from east to west).

'Opposite Felenrhyd is a ford to cross the Traeth bach. At Penrhyndeudraeth is a farm called Tyddynisaf where a few years ago....were found a great number (about two quarts) of Roman coins of Constantinus...The Minffordd fords are considered to be the best on Traeth Mawr, being harder, more

shallow though broader, and very easily forded in the direction leading to Llidiart Yspytty (Hospital's Gate) to the west of Tremadoc with its Bryn y Fynwent where I myself have seen graves opened....Between Llidiart Yspytty and the village of Penmorfa are traces of a paved road.'

Aerial photographs holdings at RCAHMW covering the 5km to the west of Tremadog and the crossing of Traeth Mawr were inspected. These consisted of vertical pairs from RAF sorties 106G/UK/1469, 106G/UK/664 and 106G/UK/1455. No features corresponding to a Roman road were identified. The area around Llidiart Yspytty is the 'pinch point' on this route. The road, if it followed the north side of Traeth Mawr, must have run along the 160m wide strip of land between the marshes and the cliffs. This has been well evaluated during works in advance of the construction of a hospital on the northern part of the area. The line of the pre 1845 Caernarvonshire Tumpike Trust road would seem to be the most likely route (the west end of PRN 17812). This was sectioned but all that was identified was a terrace cut into the subsoil with no signs of either metalling or an earlier phase. (Davidson and Roberts 2004, 4) The road terrace was revetted with post-medieval masonry. It therefore appears that any evidence for a Roman road on this alignment would have been destroyed by the turnpike.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The presence of Pen Llystyn fort and Tremadog bath house suggest the route proposed by RCAHM is likely as far as Tremadog. Their route across the northern part of the marshes seems to be impractical and a crossing of Traeth Mawr to Minffordd and before continuing to Maentwrog is proposed. Waddelove's route across the line of the present day cob is dependant on the sea level being much lower during the Roman period, and must be seen as unlikely unless some definite extant road can be found.

Road RRX 48 - Segontium to Caer Llugwy (PRN 3852) Maps 35-38

Description

The Royal Commission traces a possible route from Segontium to Caer Llugwy via Penygwryd (marching camp) (RCAHM 1960 lxii). Three short lengths of possible Roman road were identified, none of which were verified by the OS team. Waddelove (1999, 279-293) also traces a route (PRN 17824), in this case following an "Ancient Trackway" marked on an early edition of the OS 6in map. A further account has also been recently posted on the internet by John Byde (2003) also following the 'ancient Trackway'. The portion of the road between Capel Curig and Nant Peris has been examined during the third year of the present project.

Much of the route traced by Waddelove and Byde is depicted on the 1891 OS 1:10560 (6in) map as 'Ancient Trackway'. The modern road follows the line of the Llanberis to Pen y Gwryd, and Capel Curig to Beddgelert, turnpike roads. The road through the pass was not completed until 1831 being the last major work of the Carnarvonshire Turnpike Trust. The 'Ancient Trackway', must therefore be a route predating the Turnpikes. The presence of an earlier road is confirmed by antiquarian accounts. Pennant (1781, 179-80) describes the ascent from the end of Nant Peris:

'The ascent from hence is either over loose stones or solid staircase; and is exceedingly steep. It is a singular road, lying in a stupendous chasm, bounded for above a mile by nearly equidistant precipices, of prodigious height; on one side belonging to the Glyders, on the other hand by the parts of Snowdon. Refresh ourselves on a spot called the Gorphwysfa....a small distance from which is Bwlch y Gwyddel...'

W Williams (1802, 73) describes the road from Capel Curig to Llanberis as 'a road or rather a mere right of passage' that is 'exceedingly rugged and uneven'

Hyde Hall in a Description of Caernarvonshire (1809-1811, 184) records that 'a rough and ill made, but hard, bridle road.....proceeds through the pass or Bwlch Orphwysfa, towards Capel Curig'

The road is of sufficient merit to be included on J Evans' 1797 map of North Wales where it is shown to fork close to Bwlch y Gwyddel thus forming a triangle with the Capel Curig to Beddgelert road. The 1818 ordnance survey 2in /mile drawing shows the road in more detail and this appears to correspond

closely to the Ancient Trackway on the 1891 edition following a fairly direct route with a crossing point further up the pass than the modern Pont y Cromlech.

The majority of the route was walked and recorded during fieldwork for the present project in January 2005. The road (PRN 17810) is first visible as an improved track running from a farmyard at Pont-y-Capel (see map 38) to the modern A4086. A further three tracks meet at or close to this point, a terrace above the present road, the Ancient Trackway and a possible link between the trackway and the farm road. The trackway then runs along the side of Dyffryn Mymbr as a 3.5m wide terrace with occasional stretches of rough boulder revetment. At one point the present track can be seen to overlie an earlier version. The more recent track diverges from the earlier after about 1km and terminates. The earlier trackway can then be traced along much of the Dyffryn Mymbyr, before dropping to the level of the modern road at the west end of the valley. There are several well-preserved lengths, typically 2m wide and somewhat meandering with a rough boulder revetment.

The OS 1891 shows the Ancient Trackway running on an irregular course on or very close to the line of the modern road as it approaches Pen y Gwryd. This diverges from the road just before Hafod y Gwynt and continues on an alignment running towards the camp. The road (PRN 17602) then emerges from the grounds of Pen y Gwryd Hotel and can be seen to overlie the camp. Two phases are clearly visible for a few metres here before features associated with a waterwheel pit and leat cut into western side of the camp destroy all traces for a short distance. The road then continues as a somewhat eroded hollow way before meeting the modern road at SH 65755565, following its course for a few metres before re-emerging to run on a lower alignment around Bwlch y Gwyddel. The road here is quite well engineered, visible as a 2m wide terrace with a drystone revetment. An earlier phase is clearly visible at the apex of the bend on the Bwlch where a well-preserved narrow zigzag lies downslope of the revetted road. Several alignments of narrow terraces and hollow ways are then present along the less precipitous approach to Gorphwysfa. The road from this point down the pass to the crossing point of the river follows the line indicated on the OS 1891 map and is in places quite well made with lengths of revetted terracing and narrow causeway, up to 2m wide, surviving in several places. The streams are crossed by stone-slab bridges or culverts. An earlier narrow hollow way can be seen to have been superseded by the later road in several places. The trackway crosses the river at SH63465619 by means of a single-span clapper bridge that originally consisted of three side-by-side slabs on two drystone abutments. One slab has now fallen and the remainder of the bridge is now rather precarious. The OS 1891 shows a crossing via a ford a few metres downstream but this is not obvious on the ground. The road can be traced on the north side of the river until Pont y Gromlech. After this point it becomes more fragmentary, passing through improved pasture. Several stretches can however be followed on the approach to Llanberis (e.g. PRN 17600 noted by RCAHM 1960, lxii) but all seem to be similar to the character of the road through the pass.

It is clear that part of a pre-1831 road network runs between Capel Curig and Pont y Gromlech and probably to Llanberis and beyond. The Caernarvonshire Inventory (RCAHM, 1960 lxvi) lists the trackway down the pass as a packhorse trail and there seems to be no reason to revise this assessment although more than one phase clearly exists. The latest is well engineered with stone revetments, causeways, culverts and bridges. This continues in a similar fashion along Dyfryn Mymbyr. Both Waddelove and Byde trace this latest phase and suggest Roman origins although Waddelove mistakenly claims that there are no signs of an earlier road through the pass above Pont y Gromlech. The fact that it overlies the earlier phases indicates its more recent origins and it seems likely that the upgrading of this route was carried out in the 18th century as part of estate improvements. Earlier phases of the road are visible in many places and consist of either a single narrow (1-2m wide) hollow way or a series of eroded tracks. Significantly none of the phases exhibit any Roman characteristics, all are 2m wide or less and no agger and ditch constructions or quarry pits were found. The lack of quarry pits is significant because it could be argued that all traces of a Roman road bed could have been eroded away by two millennia of traffic. Quarry pits seem to be a characteristic of upland Roman roads and none have been identified in the relatively narrow corridor along which the road could have passed between Pen Y Gwryd and Pont y Gromlech. RCAHM (1960 lxii) name one further possible length of road relevant to this discussion; 'Near Llynau Mymbyr a short length of causeway..... closely resembles the agger of a Roman road' (PRN 17604). This is an isolated feature running from the modern road into an overgrown bog next to the river. Its alignment, running straight towards the river, lakes and quite a steep drop suggest that it is not a length of Roman road and that it could be a later feature either running to a weir shown on OS 1891 or forming an earlier access to the farm of Garth.

In conclusion it seems to be very unlikely that a Roman military road ran between Caer Llugwy and Segontium via Llanberis pass. All the evidence to date suggests that Roman roads, even in the most remote uplands, are an minimum of 3m (more usually 4.5 to 5m) wide and that quarry pits are usually present. None of the roads examined here satisfy these criteria and there is no evidence for any other roads through the pass. The presence of a camp at Pen y Gwryd does not necessarily imply the presence of a Roman road. The camp could pre-date the road system or merely reflect the strategic importance of Pen y Gwryd.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The route now seems to be unlikely.

Road RR69b Part 1 Tomen y Mur to Brithdir (PRN 3845) Maps 39-44

Description

Routes for this road have been suggested by Margary (1967 347-8) and Bowen & Gresham (1967 247-53). The northern part is generally easy to follow. It runs south from Tomen y Mur along modern roads and through improved pasture and cannot be positively identified for about 3km. Bowen & Gresham (1967, 248) suggest an eastern route running through semi-improved pasture and moorland to Pen y Stryd. The southern part of this section is particularly well preserved and is shown on an aerial photograph in Crew and Musson (1996, 30). The extant road to the north of Pen y Stryd (PRNs 17736-43) was walked and replotted during the present project. A well-preserved agger, with side ditches along with several lengths of terrace can be traced for about 2km. It was noted that very few quarry pits were visible, but this could be due to peat formation in the hollows. This length of wellpreserved road suggests that Margary's route along modern roads to the west can be discounted. There are two possible routes from Pen y Stryd to Brithdir. Margary proposes a line along the western side of Coed y Brenin and then along the modern road, via Llanelltyd, to Dolgellau (PRNs 17728-35). Bowen and Gresham trace a route to the east of Moel Hafod Owen (PRNs 17751-7). Possible extant fragments near Llech Idris and through Bwlch Goriwared along with its alignment on Brithdir fortlet suggest that the latter route is more likely. Waddelove (1999, 143-166 and 167-172) suggests a completely different route to a 'fort' at Dolgellau (RRN58, PRN 17826) and concludes that RR69b road only runs as far as the kilns at Pen y Stryd. This would seem to be a remarkably inefficient pattern of road building. There would seem to be little merit in building a fully fledged military road 7km across country from a relatively minor series of kilns to Tomen y Mur when a simple 1.5km long link to the putative road to the west would have served to connect the kilns to the forts to both the north and south.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The well preserved length of road at Pen y Stryd dictates the alignment of the northern part of this road. The southern half is mainly predicted. Further research would be useful here particularly considering that some parts of the proposed alignment pass through unimproved land.

Road RR69b Part 2 Brithdir to Pennal (PRN 3846) Maps 45-49

Description

There are several predicted road alignments around the fortlet at Brithdir, few of which have been verified. Some reflect the idea that Dolgellau was seen as the main node in the road system in this area, prior to the discovery of the fortlet at Brithdir. The excavations at Brithdir (Hopewell 1997, 310-33) confirmed that there was an east-west road that continued in use after the abandonment of the fortlet in AD 120. Both Jones (1959, 208-20) and Rigg & Toller (1983, 162-4) trace the road via a series of earthworks to the Wnion Valley and then to Dolgellau. At this point there are two suggested routes to Pennal, RR69b, favoured by Margary and RRX96 favoured by Jones (1959, 211-2), St. Joseph (1961, 129-30) and Bowen & Gresham (1967, 252-3).

Margary traces a fairly direct course from Brithdir along Cefn y Clawdd. Margary traces an old road across the highlands to the Llefenni Valley. The OS recorded that the route was very eroded and

probably not Roman (John Rigg F.I. in OS linear RR69b 1977). Margary next traces through Corris and then along the Dovey Valley to Pennal. The OS concluded that there was no Roman road along an alignment to the east of Cader Idris and favoured the western route RRX96.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The OS dismiss this route, but it should be noted that all of the routes to the south of Brithdir are conjectural and are projections dependent on topographical evidence. The identification of extant remains on any of the routes must be seen as a priority in the study of Roman roads in Meirionnydd.

Road RRN 51 and 52 - Brithdir Triangles (PRNs 17801 & 17802) Map 50

Description

Rigg and Toller (1983, 11) proposed a road from Brithdir to Long Mountain RR50 which was later retracted by Toller (see below). Part of this route consisted of a link from RR66b to RRN50. The southern part of this link road was traced as a well-engineered terrace by Rigg & Toller. Subsequent aerial photographic evidence (Crew & Musson 1996, 31) revealed the presence of a well-preserved Roman road to the west of this just above Caer Tyddyn.

The entire route was walked as part of the current project. The southern part is visible as a low 4.5m wide agger with obvious quarry pits. This joins a more recent track, at the top of the slope. This can be traced for a little over 1km. It is still in use and quite eroded in places but its Roman origin is demonstrated by the continuation of the quarry pits identified alongside the first part. (PRN 17778). The later terraced road (PRN 17777) is characterised by a lack of comparable quarry pits. The track enters a forestry plantation just to the north of an earthwork that has been tentatively interpreted as a Roman Signal Station (PRN 801). Occasional lengths of metalling are visible but the forestry has probably destroyed any quarry pits. Rigg & Toller also suggest a short cut from RRN51 to Brithdir. This was dismissed as being modern by Brown (1986, 23-4)

Summary and recommendations for further work

The southern part of this route is a good example of an extant Roman road. It suggests that a route along Bwlch Oerddrws may have existed, it could also be seen as a link with the disputed route to Pennal via Cross Foxes and Corris (RR66b).

Road RRX96 - Brithdir - Pennal W of Cader Idris (PRN 3846) Maps 51-60

Description

Jones (1959 211-2) St. Joseph (1961 129-30) and Bowen and Gresham (1967 252-3) have all published papers dismissing the route of RR69b to the east of Cader Idris, based on unsuitable terrain and the siting strategy of the fortlet at Brithdir. Various possible courses are suggested following a more circuitous route to the west of the mountain. None of the routes show any trace of Roman construction. Three variations were proposed; All three initially run south-west from Brithdir along the old coach road, Ffordd Ddu. St. Joseph suggested a route extending as far west as the coast at Llwyngwril. Bowen and Gresham traced an inland route along an old road to Llanegryn. A route between Llanegryn and Pennal is favoured by both St. Joseph and Bowen and Gresham, its historical importance in demonstrated by motte sitings at crossings of the Afon Dysynni and Afon Fathew. An alternative shorter route was also proposed by Bowen and Gresham running across the highlands via Abergynolwyn. The OS (linear file RRX96 1977) note that this road should be visible on the slopes of Mynydd Cefn Caer but there is nothing more than a narrow footpath at this point.

Only a short length of this route was examined during the present project. The 2 km of road to the west of Brithdir was field-walked at the same time as the conjoining part of PRN 3849. A 4 to 5m wide road, with many post-medieval features, can be traced following a fairly direct route to the Afon Wnion. The road immediately to the west of the fort (PRNs 17624-5) is largely lost within improved pasture although the former owner Mr Edwards of Tyddyn Derwen reports that a parchmark was visible below the modern road in dry summer of 1976. The road to the west of this is visible as a 4 to 6

m wide hollow way bounded for much of its length by field walls (PRNs 17622-3). A well preserved 4m wide zigzag (PRN 17621) of Roman character marks the start of the descent toward Llwybr-y-torrent. Further zigzags (PRNs 17620-1) mark the crossing of a steep-sided stream on the edge of Coed Dol-fawr. Masonry on the edge of the stream is all that remains of a built-up fort or culvert. This remains undated but is most likely to date from post-Roman improvements to the road.

Summary and recommendations for further work

A good argument can be made for any of these routes but all are unproven and will remain so until some trace of Roman construction, away from Brithdir and Dolgellau, can be identified. There is great scope for further research here possibly initially using aerial reconnaissance with detailed fieldwork as a second stage. It should also be noted that RR69b should not be entirely dismissed.

Road RR66b Car Gai to Brithdir (PRN 3849) Maps 61-64

Description

This road appears to follow a fairly direct route between the two forts. It has been traced in detail by Jones (1958-60, 208-220) and a similar, though not identical route was proposed by Margary (1973, 347-8).

On leaving Caer Gai the road runs in a roughly south westerly direction for about 4km, across open fields, passing the practice camps at Pont Rhyd Sarn. Both Jones and Margary identified several lengths of possible agger. The OS field investigators agreed with some of these findings (OS linear files RR66b 1973). The road then follows the Wnion Valley. Jones favours the north west bank and Margary the south east, the OS states that 'neither has good evidence although Margary's route is topographically largely impractical'. Jones then traces the route across country via fragments of terrace and a zigzag river crossing to the modern lane leading to Brithdir.

The latter portion of the route (PRNS 17627-34) from Lletty-wyn to the fortlet was traced during the 2004 phase of the current project. The line of the possible Roman road runs along a range of post-medieval tracks and roads. The general line and width of the tracks etc suggest a Roman origin but few, if any features are visible to prove this. A zigzag (PRN 17630) running to the Afon Celynog crossing predates the currently used road to the improved but extant packhorse bridge and could be Roman. There are also signs of a possible ford on the south-west side of the river at this point.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The line of this road is fairly convincing following the only topographically practicable route. The structural evidence is somewhat meagre but is supported by the presence of Practice camps at Pont Rhyd Sarn and 'link road' RRN51. It should be noted that, there are several records of damage to this road, principally to PRN 17643, during road improvements and 17633 during forestry works.

Road RR66a Caer Gai to Deva (PRN 3850) Maps 65-68

Description

Only a portion of this road falls within Gwynedd. The route has been proposed and traced in various places by Margary (1957 77-8) Jones (1958-60, 208-220) and Irvine (Unpublished typescript in OS linear file RR66a dated 1954)

The road has initially been traced for about 0.5km W of Caer Gai by Geophysical Survey and AP evidence (Hopewell 2003, 16-9)) and is then thought to follow the north side of Bala lake to Llanfor, along the line of the modern road. A length of approximately 4km can be traced as a well-preserved terrace leading to Caer Euni. The road from this point to the county border is marked by further terracing (Margary and Irvine) although Irvine suggests a different route to the north of Caer Euni.

Summary and recommendations for further work

This route appears to be reasonably secure even though much of it is marked by modern roads. The area around Caer Euni would benefit from further field investigation and aerial reconnaissance

Road RR642 Caer Gai to Caersws (PRN 17803) Maps 69-70

Description

This road was first described by Jones & Putnam and Toller 1998 (117-21) with further details published by Putnam & Toller in 2001 (117-9). Part of the route was walked by during the present project. The line of the road is initially visible on aerial photographs (Cambridge University Collection CB13) running due south east across the Dyfrdwy Valley. Fragmentary remains suggest that it continued up the south eastern side of the valley from Felindre to Gyrn. The road at the top of the hill is very well preserved, a 5m wide agger with side ditches and quarry pits can be traced across semi-improved moorland to a terrace running down-slope towards the Fechan valley. The road then runs along a modern track to a crossing near Bryn Melyn. The route is less clear between the crossing and Bwlch y Pawl but aerial photographic evidence revealed a track with quarry pits across Bwlch y Pawl into the Eiddew Valley where the road crosses the county boundary.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The discovery of this road alignment demonstrates the effectiveness of detailed investigation incorporating aerial reconnaissance, detailed survey and fieldwalking, along with discussions with local landowners and residents. The road is particularly well preserved but could be under long-term threat from agricultural improvements.

Road RRX61 Llanfor - Forden Gaer (PRN 17768) Maps 71-72

Description

This route was initially traced by H L Jones (1856 195-197) with further work by RCAHM (1921 118); Additional evidence was provided by the discovery of the fort at Llanfor.

Both Jones and RCAHM trace an ancient trackway called Sarn from about 2km east of Llanfor to Trum y Sarn and beyond. It is visible as a series of hollow ways and terraces tracing a line roughly southeast from Llanfor across the uplands of Moel Cae-Howel and Foel Cwm-Sian Llŵyd. The OS field investigation recorded various earthworks and concluded that the route is 'probable, and though it has no specifically Roman features [it] is comparable to several recognised stretches of Roman road in Wales'. (C F Wardale OS linear files RRX61, 1973)

The parts of this road that run through unimproved pasture (PRNs 17764-6) were examined as part of the 2004 phase of the current project. The road to the north of Bwlch Y Fenni (17764) is well-defined and clearly of some antiquity. It consists of a series of hollow ways and terraces, all about 3m wide. These are occasionally rock cut and the bedrock is worn and rutted where exposed. The road follows the contours around the hill at Rhiweaedog-is-arfon and can be traced for several km through the uplands. It is again in the form of a 3m wide terrace with hollow ways in the more level ground. This road seems to be too narrow to be classified as a Roman military construction without other supporting evidence and no aggers, roadside ditches or quarry pits are present. This appears to be a road that has been well used in antiquity but there is nothing to suggest Roman origins and it is best interpreted as being medieval or post-medieval. This road was considered to be of sufficient importance to be marked on Evans' 1797 map of Wales.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The route makes sense as a Roman road but there is nothing on the ground that supports this. All features appear to be post-Roman.

Road RRX 73 Brithdir - Long Mountain (PRN 3853) Maps 73-75

Description

Several attempts have been made to trace a road south-east from Brithdir. A route was suggested by Putnam (1963, 22) following modern roads. The OS described the suggestion as reasonable but the evidence very tenuous. (OS linear files RRX63 1977). A similar route (in Gwynedd) was proposed by Rigg & Toller (1983, 155-65) but later retracted (Toller 1997, 299). The best supporting evidence in the linking road RRN51demonstrated by Crew and Musson (1996, 31), suggesting a route over Bwlch Oerddrws.

Summary and recommendations for further work

This is a fairly contentious route but one that cannot be dismissed. Proof of Roman construction to the east of the junction with RRN51 is required in order to differentiate it from turnpike and later roads.

Road RR69c Pennal to Trawscoed (PRN 3847) Map 76

Description

Antiquarian records record a broad paved way to the river Dyfi (and county boundary). Gradiometer survey suggests that the road from the fort may lead to the present farm track towards the river (Hopewell 2003 13-17) although there is nothing that can be proved to be Roman.

Summary and recommendations for further work

The line of the road is largely conjectural but further aerial reconnaissance, documentary and, field investigation could identify the 'paved way'.

Road RRN54 Caer Llugwy to Bangor (PRN 17819) Maps 77-80

Waddelove (1999, 77-101) proposes a route from Caer Llugwy to a hypothetical camp at Penrhyn, Bangor following amongst other things, the line of the old coach road, the turnpike through Nant y Benglog and Lord Penhryn's along the west side of the Nant Ffrancon. It seem likely that Waddelove has identified some stretches of early road but it requires further fieldwork in order assess its Roman character. A report from Tim Strickland (pers. com.) of Gifford and Partners shows that a slate used in the roofing of legionary barracks in Chester [Princess Street 1981/2] had come from 'within a mile of Bethesda' (geological analysis). This perhaps adds credence to the idea of a Roman road running down the Ogwen valley.

RRN55 Caer Llugwy to Rug (PRN 17820) Maps 81-82

Waddelove (1999, 36-71) traces a route from the east gate of the fort at Bryn y Gefeiliau, largely along the line of PRN 17709, to a possible ford at Betws y Coed. He then suggests a route following various features towards Moel yr Iwrch. This route requires further field assessment.

RRN56 Segontium to Nefyn (PRN 17823) Maps 83-88

There is little doubt that an early road ran from Caernarfon to Aberdaron serving pilgrims travelling to Bardsey Island. Parts of this were then adopted by the Caernarvonshire Turnpike Trust. The straight parts of the present road near Aberdesach follow this route. Waddelove (1999, 247-277) notes that these straight stretches of road 'have the look of Roman surveying' and goes on to trace further features along this alignment. He then traces the road over Bwlch yr Eifl. This part of the proposed route was assessed as part of the current project (PRNs 17815-6). The 'narrow green terrace' described by Waddelove is about 2m wide and rather meandering. There are stone built culverts in places but it lacks any Roman features. The lower track traced by Waddelove that crosses a stream and shows 'indications of a made up crossing with stone abutments (Plate XI)' is nothing more than a 1m wide sheep-track and the abutments are merely paces where the track has eroded down to the stony subsoil. It is clear that this route requires further field assessment.

RRN57 Dolgellau to Harlech to Portmadog (PRN 17825) Maps 89-94

Waddelove (1999 295-327) argues that a large area to the north-west of Brithdir/Dolgellau would have been outside Roman jurisdiction if the road did not continue to the coast towards present-day Harlech and then back to Portmadog. He traces a variety of old roads including the route shown by Ogilby (1675) across the uplands via Pont Scethin, Braich and Hirgwm. The route then passes through Llanbedr and Harlech and across the lowlands to cross Traeth Bach at Llanfihangel-y-traethau to join the putative road crossing on the line of the present day cob.

This road clearly follows an early route across the uplands and the crossing of Traeth Bach is at the traditional point as shown on Evans 1797 map. Some of the evidence presented as photographs in The Roman Roads of North Wales appears to be less than convincing. The road and ford on plates XVI and XVII do not appear to be of Roman character and the cropmark on Plate XXI appears to be agricultural in origin. Further examination of some of the features along this alignment, particularly in the unimproved uplands should be able to find evidence of extant Roman features if the route is genuine.

RRN58 Tomen y Mur to Dolgellau (PRN 17826) Maps 39-44

This route runs to the west of RR69b ignoring the attested Roman road at Pen y Stryd and running to a proposed fort at Dolgellau. The presence of a fort at Dolgellau has been suggested by several writers (e.g. Cambrian Archaeological Association 1949, 294 and Jones 1959, 208) but no hard evidence was ever uncovered and it is significant that they were all writing before the discovery of the fortlet at Brithdir. Waddelove (1999, 190-2) suggests that these writers were correct and the street layout of Dolgellau follows the layout of a Roman fort. There is however no reason to suppose that the main streets in Dolgellau are anything other than post-medieval and Ellis (1928, ch 6) suggests an 11th century foundation. The persistence of the street plan of a Roman fort seems unlikely. Waddelove justifies the ignoring of RR69b by suggesting that it only ran from Tomen y Mur to the kilns. This, as noted above would seem to be a remarkably inefficient pattern of road building when a simple 1.5km long link to the putative road to the west would have served to connect the kilns to the forts to both the north and south. It can be concluded that unless some convincing extant road is discovered along this line, that the route is unlikely.

RRN59 Segontium to Bangor (PRN 17829) Maps 95-97

Waddelove (1999, 237-45) proposes a slightly more northerly route along the north Wales coast than RR67c and suggests that the road leads to a fort at Penrhyn. The siting of a fort here has some topographical merit but no evidence has so far been uncovered. The route itself follows modern features and is based on topological arguments. If the recent cropmark evidence along RR67c proves to be significant this route can probably be largely discounted,

Roman Roads on Anglesey

No widely accepted Roman remains on Anglesey apart from the watchtower and late 'naval base' near Holyhead have so far been discovered. These two sites are of limited use in the present study because they post date the establishment of the road and fort network in North Wales. The ditch and bank of a possible fort at Aberffraw on the west coast were identified by White (1997) but the small scale of the excavations and lack of datable evidence leave the interpretation of these features open to debate. The site is also largely built over making the acquisition of further evidence difficult. Roman roads elsewhere in the county run between fixed points defined by forts. Unfortunately on Anglesey these basic starting points are unknown. The task of finding Roman roads is further complicated by the topography and agricultural regime on the island. There are no tracts of untouched desolate uplands and almost all of the land is heavily improved.

On the positive side, the topography would have provided reatively few obstacles to the Roman road builders, so long straight, and thus easily identifiable, alignments should be present. There are also several limited areas that would have been strategically important. The crossing points of the Menai Straits provide two such foci. The central narrow part of the straits is unfordable and very trecherous and the traditional crossing points are at either end. There is some debate about sea levels in the Roman

period but it is likely that the crossing points would have been similar to those that were utilised before the Bridges were built across the straits. The easiest crossing point was across the Lavan Sands at Aber. Evans' 1797 map shows two paths across the sands here. It also shows Capel Ogwen which now appears to have been lost to the sea. A curiously isolated fish weir on the Lavan Sands shown on the 1st edition OS map also hints at a gradual erosion of the coast at this point and it is likely that the shoreline may have changed significantly since Roman times. The other crossing point is close to Segontium usually in more recent times by ferry at Tan y Foel or Aber Menai. A foot crossing may have been possible here at low tides. Another focus of activity that has so far been ignored by most studies of Roman roads is suggested by the finds of copper cakes on Anglesey. The distribution map of findspots shows a significant cluster on the north of the island around Parys Mountain. Copper was known to have been mined from this site during the Bronze age and in the 18th and 19th centuries it was the largest copper mine in the world. The only evidence for Roman mining is in the form of copper cakes, circular, often stamped ingots, of copper weighing around 18kg. Two of these were found on the mountain and at least a dozen more have been found on the island (as opposed to 5 others in Gwynedd). Research is ongoing on the site, much of the early works will have been destroyed by opencast extraction in 18th /19th century but new discoveries are still being made by the Parys Underground Group (www.parysmountain.co.uk).

It is likely that Roman infrastructure existed in this area in the form of roads and possibly a fort. It is also likely that an industrial area existed, the copper cakes indicate that the ore was smelted on or near the extraction point although evidence may, of course, have been destroyed by the extensive later workings.

Initially, two roads were investigated. Both were suggested after a seminar and a series of meetings were held with other researchers into Roman roads on Anglesey. The Talwrn Archaeological group have been investigating several possible roads and other Roman sites and the two roads discussed below were chosen for initial investigation. It is expected that further investigation of possible sites associated with these roads and with the probable Roman copper mines on the north of Anglesey will follow.

RRN60 Anglesey north-east route (PRN 17844) Maps 98-99

This route was proposed by Owenna Orme from the Talwrn Archaeology Group. An ancient paved road, Lon-y-Bwbach (PRN 17839), leading from Llanddyfnan Church to Plas Llanddyfyan was recorded by Longueville Jones (1855, 27). It was suggested that this formed part of a Roman road crossing from Beaumaris to Holyhead. The road is still visible as a 5 to 6m wide track between field banks. The Talwrn Archaeological Group identified and exposed a well-made stone surface but this was found to be c.2m wide and was almost certainly a later phase overlying a much wider road or track. Further lengths of road with a similar character have been identified running on a fairly direct route for 11km across the centre of the island (PRNs 17836-8) This is clearly an early route, the roads are well-metalled and wide and would thus presumably have been of some importance but none appear on Evans' 1797 map. They are, however, in many cases rather meandering and thus do not all appear to be of typical Roman character. There is no particular reason for a Roman road to follow anything but a direct route on the relativelt easily traversable terrain of Anglesey. Some parts may have Roman origins but this has yet to be demonstrated. A series of Roman finds and a small rectangular enclosure are currently being investigated close to Llanddyfnan church at the eastern end of Lon-y-Bwbach and this may provide further evidence about this route. Aerial photographs of Llandyfnyn from the 1946-7 RAF sorties were consulted but no further evidence was forthcoming.

RRN61 Anglesey west route, Tal y Foel - Holyhead (PRN 17843) Maps 100-106

It was decided to further investigate a Roman road proposed by W. Wyn Williams Junr (1861, 186-188). This runs along the western side of the island with a detour around Malltraeth marsh. The route has been digitised in outline form (PRN 17843). Unfortunately the account consists of little more than a list of place-names with occasional notes such as 'it is very perfect for a short distance' (by Tyn-ygoedan) and it is 'very plain near these places' (Bryn Bychan, Alltwen Goch /Ddu). The route in its entirety makes some sense and it appears that he has recognised some early roads that could be of significance (e.g. the road at Cleifiog Uchaf (Davidson and Kurcharski 1999) discovered during assessment for the new A55 could be part of this route).

Tal y Foel seems to be a possible crossing point from Segontium and was certainly a ferrying point in the 18th century. The large detour around Malltraeth marsh appears to be excessive and a direct route would almost certainly have been adopted, particularly if the remains at Aberffraw are relevant to the road network. Most antiquarians suggested roads running to Holyhead. This may have been the case but it should be noted that Caer Gybi is probably a naval base and post-dates the establishment of the Roman road / fort network in North Wales. It was thus not part of the original pattern of roads and thus not necessarily a major focal point, although a link could have been built at a later date. Aerial photograph holdings from the Central Registry of Aerial Photography for Wales, mainly from 1970s to the 90s were consulted covering the southern section of this route from the Menai Straits to the north of Dwyran. This also covered the area around Ruddgaer and Llangeinwen. A significant number of Roman finds have been recovered from around Ruddgaer and a cropmark had been reported by Toby Driver (RCAHMW) at Maes-y-porth Llangeinwen (PRN 18360). Unfortunately no further evidence was gleaned from the aerial photographs, several linear parchmarks were visible but all were found to be relict field boundaries.

Summary and recommendations for further work

Anglesey continues to be a problem, mainly due to the lack of fixed points to work from. There are clearly several well-made roads on the island predating the post-18th century network and the status and origin and date of these is still unclear.

Further work attempting to pinpoint sites or alignments around Aberffraw and Parys Mountain, initially from aerial photography will be carried out in the final year of the project. There are several antiquarian accounts of ancient roads leading to the copper mines and these should also be followed up and digitised if necessary. Liaison will be maintained with local groups and researchers hopefully ensuring that a co-ordinated programme of research can continue beyond the end of the current project.

8. SYNTHESIS

8.1 Morphology and Identification

A good proportion of the extant roads in Gwynedd has been examined and preliminary conclusions can be drawn from this study. The majority of the surviving roads are in relatively unimproved uplands and it is becoming clear that these differ from the broad straight Roman roads ways seen in lowland Britain. Certain characteristics seem to be common to all upland roads so far examined and these can assist in distinguishing Roman roads from roads and tracks from other periods. These diagnostic criteria, while not in themselves new entirely information (see Margary 1973, Davies 2002, Crew and Musson 1996) have been developed and refined as the project has progressed.

1. Alignment.

The topography of the uplands makes it very difficult to construct a road running on a straight alignment for many kilometres without major engineering works. The construction of the roads so far recorded has been relatively simple with engineering confined to the occasional small rock cutting. They have been found to follow the terrain in a series of short straight alignments, usually 150m or more in length. Terraced roads have, however, been observed to follow a curving route while following the contours around a hillside. Straight alignments of over 1km have, occasionally, been recorded where the terrain is easily traversed. Zigzags are often utilised on steep slopes.

2. Width.

Several definitions of road width have been suggested (Davies 2002, 33-4), some including features such as outer ditches that may not exist and certainly cannot be seen in the uplands. The width in the current discussion is defined as the estimated width of metalling. In the case of an agger this can be taken to be the distance between the inside of the inner ditches. Inaccuracies can occur if the agger has been spread by erosion or ploughing and thus overlies the ditches. This is probably less of a problem in undisturbed uplands than in improved pasture. The width of a terrace is taken to be the visible width from the breaks of slope at either side. There will be a tendency for these estimates to be a little narrow because of slumping and erosion on the upper side.

Fig. 3 shows the distribution of metalling width in relation to length of road where this width occurs. Two peaks are immediately obvious at 3m and 5m. The 3m peak is almost certainly greatly exaggerated due to the presence of later features on known but poorly preserved routes. The 5m peak corresponds to the width seen on most of the well-preserved routes and to the excavated sections (see Kelly 1986 and Longley 1996). These peaks correspond to two of the peaks in road widths in Britain identified by Davies (2002). He identifies two, one at a little under 5m and another at a little over 6m as being 'standard values'. There was a wide range of values and other peaks occurred but these did not appear to be significant. A width of around 5m appears to be fairly standard away from London and the military zone in the north of England and the results from North-West Wales seem to add weight to this hypothesis. The peak at 3m in North-West Wales seems to be significant here although further analysis and weeding of the data is needed. This will be carried out when the comparative/condition survey has been completed and a full data set obtained. It should be noted that no roads less than 3m wide and very few more than 5.5m wide were identified as being Roman. The lower range is most significant because very few 'ancient' roads have been identified that are wider than 5.5m but there are many that are less than 3m. It can be concluded that a width of 4 to 5.5m can be considered to be a Roman characteristic, and that roads with a width of 3m should also be considered but should be carefully examined.

3. Construction

It is generally agreed (Davies 2002, 33) that Roman roads were built as raised aggers or sometimes as terraces. Drainage ditches are generally found on either side of the agger and in the lowlands a cleared strip and outer ditches are often present. These outer features do not appear to be present in the uplands. Small cuttings have occasionally been identified (e.g. PRN 17527), but extended hollow ways should not be classed as Roman unless there is evidence of severe post-Roman erosion.

The agger itself, from the limited data available for upland and other roads in North Wales, appears to be commonly constructed from material derived from the subsoil and surfaced with gravel and small stones in a clay or silt matrix (see Kelly 1986 and RR68 above). The metalling may only be 10-20cm thick making the surface quite difficult to identify. The commonly held misconception amongst the general public that Roman roads were paved with stone is clearly far from the truth.

This construction method produces very clear additional archaeological features in the form of quarry pits. These are a diagnostic feature of upland Roman roads and are illustrated particularly well on in Crew and Musson's aerial photographs of the areas around Llyn Hiraethlyn and Caer Tyddyn (1996 30-31). The size of the quarry pits is very variable but they are almost always set back from the road by a few meters. This factor can be used to distinguish them from equivalent features on later roads which are usually not set back in this fashion.

8.2 Threats and Management

Many of the well preserved roads run through remote uplands and are probably not under immediate threat. There are however several instances of damage although these are from a limited amount of sources.

- Forestry. Modern forestry planting techniques tend to obliterate all but the most robust
 archaeological features. A typical example of damage can be seen at Bryn-yr-odyn just to the north
 of Tomen-y-mur where a well preserved road runs into forestry and can no longer be traced.
 Destruction was avoided at Moel y Slates and the road now runs through a ride in the forest. It
 could still be seriously damaged during felling and extraction works.
- Road and track improvement. Roman roads usually follow well used transport corridors. Many
 were presumably destroyed in antiquity by erosion or were built over as roads were repaired and
 upgraded. Modern improvements still have an impact on Roman roads. RR67c (between
 Canovium and Segontium) across Bwlch y Ddeufaen has been disturbed by a modern access track
 in recent years.
- Vehicle erosion. The increasing use of four wheel drive vehicles by farmers, and in places more seriously, by illegal trespassers for leisure purposes has caused erosion to many Roman roads that have survived as tracks and rights of way.
- 4. Pipelines. There is a very high correlation between the alignment of Roman roads and major pipelines. (e.g. Bwlch y Ddeufaen, Pen y Stryd and the Road to the north-west of Caernarfon). This demonstrates the skill of the road builders in choosing the most direct and usable alignments. In most cases some damage has occurred when the pipelines have been laid.

5. Agriculture. Ploughing and land improvement has probably removed visible traces of most roads in the lowlands and Anglesey. Any surviving roads in these areas are still under long term threat from agricultural improvement. Upland roads are less likely to be disturbed in this fashion but those in the interface between the uplands and improved pasture (e.g. at Gyrn PRNs 17795-7)can be seen under long term threat from further improvements.

Draft list of sites for scheduling

The Roman Roads of Gwynedd are under represented as Scheduled Ancient Monuments. About 2km of the road network falls within scheduled areas and this is mainly a result of the proximity of the roads to other sites. The following sites are suggested as candidates for Scheduled Ancient Monument status. Further sites may be added during the final phase of the project.

Name: Roman road near Gyrn PRN 17795-7 Length: 1.18km Preservation: Near Intact Threat: Long term threat from agriculture

Notes: This is one of the best preserved lengths of Roman road in Gwynedd

Name: Roman road Glasgoed to Llyn Hiraethlyn PRN 17510

Length: 0.6km Preservation: Near Intact Threat: Long term threat from agriculture

Notes: A very well preserved road, including a zigzag. Partly in semi improved grazing.

Name: Roman road, Moel y Slates PRN 17524 Length: 1.3km Preservation: Near Intact

Threat: Short term threat from forestry extraction

Notes: A well preserved length of upland road, currently in a ride in commercial forestry

Name: Roman road, Pen y Stryd PRN 17736-8 Length: 1.0km Preservation: Near Intact

Threat: Long term threat from agriculture / erosion

Notes: This is one of the best preserved lengths of Roman road in Gwynedd and is easily accessible to

the public. Associated tile kilns (SAM M071)

Name: Roman road near Caer Tyddyn PRN 17778

Length: 0.5km Preservation: Near Intact Threat: Long term threat from agriculture

Notes: A well preserved length of road with quarry pits in improved/semi-improved pasture.

Name: Roman road, Bwlch y Ddeufaen PRN 17574 and 17817 Length: 0.7 and 0.4km Preservation: Near Intact/Damaged Threat: Long term threat from power-line maintenance

Notes: A well known Roman road. This has been disturbed in several places by post-Roman trackways

modern access road upgrades, pipelines, and extraction of stone for Manchester airport.

9. CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY

The majority of available data about Roman roads in Gwynedd has now been reviewed, entered into the project database and integrated into the HER. The OS linear files provided a good starting point allowing initial assessment of the roads in Gwynedd without having to carry out a very substantial programme of fieldwork. Some of their findings have, however, been revised during the current phase of the project. The production of the GIS database is a significant step forward in the protection and management of Roman roads in Gwynedd new data is has been incorporated into the HER as the project has progressed. The newly accessible body of information on Roman roads has been utilised to inform both planning and heritage management procedures and has allowed greater protection to be given to this site type.

The recording of a level of confidence in the various routes has proved to be a useful feature of the database. It allows a fast assessment of the various routes on the MapInfo display. It is clear that the

level of confidence in the routes of the roads is very variable. Some lengths of road can almost certainly be seen to be extant and Roman in origin e.g. at Pen y Stryd, Trawsfynydd (PRNs 17736 to 17743). Others are almost entirely conjectural with little or no evidence in the field e.g. the roads from Brithdir to Pennal.

The current project has highlighted both the strengths and weaknesses of the surviving road network in North-West Wales. The high level of survival of roads in the uplands is encouraging and there is clearly scope for many years of further work, investigating both the 'known' and the 'missing' roads. There are however some considerable holes in our knowledge of the Roman road network in the region, the most striking being the lack of any proven roads on Anglesey. Some progress has been made here but further work, centred on the two projected routes and the possible foci at Aberffraw, Parys Mountain and the Menai Straits is still required.

A few prioritised areas of more general assessment are required to complete the current project. It should be remembered that the OS data is 20 to 30 years out of date. This is probably irrelevant in many upland areas where land use does not tend to change dramatically but even here afforestation has been shown to be a major threat. Lowland sites are under greater pressure with records of sites being damaged by ploughing and agricultural clearance, road improvements, quarrying and vehicle erosion. Comparative work, highlighting the morphology of upland roads and the range and frequency of associated features was lacking before the current project was undertaken. The fieldwork programme is re-examining and recording all extant Roman roads identified by the OS and subsequent researchers. About 60% of roads in the *known* and *proposed* categories have been assessed and recorded allowing a better understanding of both the morphology and survival of Roman roads in Gwynedd.

The scheduled lengths of Roman road are generally in the immediate environs of the forts, the only exceptions are a few short stretches that happen to pass through other scheduled areas. Scheduling enhancement must therefore be seen as a priority. Initial proposals for scheduling enhancement work have been made and these will be added to and finalised during in the final phase of the project.

10. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2005/6

10.1 Additional Work on Roman Fort Environs

Following recommendations from Dr Jeffrey Davies, additional areas of geophysical survey will be carried out in the environs of Caer Gai Roman fort. The extent of the extra mural settlement was not fully established in the first year of the project due to time constraints and disruption caused by bad weather. Roads have been identified from parch-marks running from the north-west, south-west and south-east gates of the fort and all should be examined for traces of settlement. Approximately 5 ha. of survey will be required to cover these areas. Two areas of additional survey totalling about 3.5 ha. are also needed to establish the extent of the very extensive settlement at Cefn Caer. An area about 100m to the north-west of the fort will be surveyed in order to establish the extent of the possible funerary activity and settlement alongside the road. A further area about 50m to the south-east of the fort will be surveyed in order to determine whether settlement existed between the fort and the Dovey marshes.

10.2 Roman roads

The project has made progress in examining the roads across Anglesey and this information has been transcribed into MapInfo in outline form. This data will need further assessment in the form of a programme of detailed fieldwork and further examination of aerial photographs in order to achieve the same level of confidence as the mainland routes reviewed by the Ordnance Survey.

The comparative study and condition survey has proved to be very useful and has provided a good update to the data provided by the OS linear files. Significant revisions have been made to the status of several roads and detailed condition surveys have revealed that damage has occurred to some extant roads since the OS data was produced. The 2004/5 phase of the project aimed to examine 'as many of the portions of roads identified in the *known* category in the database/gazetteer as possible along with some in the *proposed* category'. These two categories encompass all of the roads where extant archaeology is known to exist. About 60% of the known and proposed roads have so far been assessed and it is clearly within the scope of this project to achieve 100% coverage. This would provide a valuable review of the current state of Roman roads in Gwynedd and bring the level of data recovery

into line with other Cadw funded condition surveys such as the Prehistoric Funerary and Ritual Sites Survey. The comparative study and condition survey will therefore be expanded to include the remaining 40% of the known and proposed roads. Scheduling recommendations will be finalised at this point.

Aerial photographic evidence has provided a possible breakthrough in the study of the coastal part of Road RR67c between Caerhun and Segontium. Field work has also confirmed that part of the inland section of the road, across Bwlch y Ddeufaen, has survived. Targeted fieldwork comprising field-walking and measured survey will be carried out along both of these lengths of road along with limited trial excavation and geophysical survey if appropriate.

It is proposed that further examination of Waddelove's '200 miles of previously undiscovered roads' should be carried out. It is clearly beyond the scope of the current project to examine all of roads proposed in *The Roman Roads of Wales, Recent Discoveries* but an assessment of the level of confidence of the more credible routes should be carried out. This will involve field visits and the entry of revised data into the MapInfo database where appropriate.

A revised report and database will be produced containing the results of the project

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APPENDIX 1 : THE GIS DATABASE DEVELOPED FOR THE ROMAN ROADS PROJECT

The following list of fields has been developed in the Roman road table. It indicates that the level of data that has been entered (where available) for each section of road, based on the Ordnance Survey mapping or in some cases published records and supplemented by other sources where these provide useful additional information. This database structure is mainly taken from Silvester and Owen 2003

PRN = Standard Primary Record Number given to each length of a road, a length being distinguished by its homogeneity, consistent topographical setting etc.

Part of = PRN given to the complete length of the road between forts. Note that there may not be a direct one-to-one correspondence with Margary numbers because his roads do not always recognise forts.

See also = Used for PRNs which appear for point data in the Sites and Monuments Record applying to Roman roads in vicinity of polyline.

Name = Name by which the road is usually known, normally from the forts or more rarely the settlements at its termini.

Road no = Road number as given by Ivan Margary where appropriate, together with relevant prefix (RR). Note that where a road has been considered by the Ordnance Survey but not by Margary it is prefixed with RRX. In addition there are two other prefixes RRN and RRZZ for which see RCAHMW 1994, i).

NGRI = 10-figure grid reference for the beginning of a particular section of road.

NGR2 = 10-figure grid reference for the end of a particular section of road.

Type1 = Road or trackway. If a boundary, hedge line or other linear feature defines the feature, this will be entered here and Road in Type 2. When there is any doubt on the nature of the feature, i.e. the road is assumed rather than recognisable, a question mark may be added.

Where a Roman road is postulated but there is no specific evidence for its existence *Type 1* may be entered as *Road*? but *Period 1* will *be Roman*.

Period I = Roman or whatever is appropriate to the feature immediately visible as Type 1.

Type 2 = Trackwaylboundary or Road etc depending on present form and use of the feature.

Road will be used where the presence of the road is assumed but is disguised by a later feature.

Period 2= Postulated date of the Type 2 feature.

Fields relating to the current appearance of the road

Form (based on assessment of the available record)

- i) Earthwork
- Document (where road has been identified but no indication of its nature; or known to have existed but subsequently destroyed).
- ii) Cropmark
- iv) Buried feature

Condition (based on subject assessment of existing record)

- i) Near intact. Site has suffered only minimal damage
- ii) Damaged. Site has suffered substantial damage
- iii) Near destroyed. Very little of site remains
- iv) Destroyed. No trace of site (above or below ground)
- v) Unknown. Condition not known, usually because of incompleteness of records

Survival (based normally on information provided in the most recent existing record or subjective assessment of that record)

- i) Earthwork. Surviving road showing as an earthwork
- ii) Fossilised. Used where road or road line is believed to have been adopted by a more recent road or hedge
- iii) Cropmark. Surviving road showing as a cropmark or soilmark
- iv) Buried. Identified only through probing or through geophysics
- v) Unknown. Survival not known, usually because of incompleteness of records

Status (based normally on existing record and our assessment of that record together with the overall integrity of line)

- i) Known. Extant earthwork or as well-recorded buried feature. Shown as solid lines on OS strip maps
- ii) Proposed. Conjectural sections either linking known segments or as hypothetical road alignments for which there is some physical evidence. Shown as dashed lines on OS strip maps, and where evidence is reasonably convincing
- iii) Predicted. Virtually no substantive evidence for a road other than someone's belief and/or conjectural road alignment with no known traces. Where the authenticity of a road is in significant doubt this is the highest level of status that can be achieved.
- iv) Discounted. Where a road has subsequently been disproved by a reliable authority or where an alternative line has now been accepted

Physical details

Length = Established from the terminal points of the section on the GIS map to the nearest 0.1m

Width = Field used only exceptionally where reliable information exists

Source = OS linear mapping denotes data from the strip maps. Other sources are titled as appropriate. A list of abbreviations supplements this field.

Real = An Indicator -either T or F - of whether the road section was accepted by the OS as a genuine Roman road. It has not been filled in consistently, particularly where a road has been better researched or newly identified since the OS's work.

Short text = Existing text already entered into the field from the OS strip maps and other primary sources (see above)

New text = Supplementary text added during this project, by the compiler, usually as a qualifier to what appears in the Short text

Administrative details

Drawing = Freehand Method

Scale = 1:10,000

Drawn in = MapInfo (computer programme)

Compiler = Initials of the originator of first electronic record

Date = Date of the first electronic record

Editor = Initials of person making most recent amendment to the specific record

Update = Date of most recent amendment to the specific record

APPENDIX 2: GAZETTEER OF DIGITISED ROADS

ROAD RR67C CANOVIUM TO SEGONTIUM

PRN: 17561 NGR: SH49086265 OSMAP: SH46SE PART OF (PRN): 3842
DESCRIPTION

On leaving the NE gate of Segontium the road must have run almost direct for some 2 3/4 miles....along the summit of the ridge of land which at first divides the Cadnant valley from the course of the Seiont and further on forms the NW boundary of the Cegin Valley. (projected line only) (13)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

13 Hemp

1923

PRN: 17562

NGR: SH49886300 OSMAP: SH46SE PART OF (PRN): 3842

DESCRIPTION

Traces of an old road were said to have been found in the second field to the SE of Caergarw.(13)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

13 Hemp

1923

PRN: 17563 NGR: SH50406344 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

On leaving the NE gate of Segontium the road must have run almost direct for some 2 3/4 miles....along the summit of the ridge of land which at first divides the Cadnant valley from the course of the Seiont and further on forms the NW boundary of the Cegin Valley. Probably the road passed to the SE of this post [Bryn Glas] (13) No trace (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

10S Linear files

1978 1923

13 Hemp

PRN: 17564 NGR: SH52286429 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Modern road prob. On line of R road up to a point near and to the NW of Glan-yr-afon (13) No trace but most likely alignment down the ridge (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1978

1 OS Linear files 13 Hemp

1923

PRN: 17565 NGR: SH53636546 OSMAP: SH56NW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Series of footpaths and hedgerows pob on line of R road. (13)

Traces of R road said to have been found near Rectory (5)

No trace along modern roads and footpaths (1)

Trench cut, no traces of road CBA, (Evans Arch Wales 1966)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1OS Linear files 5 Margary I D 1978 1957

13 Hemp

1923

PRN: 17566 NGR: SH56256789 OSMAP: SH56NE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Just above Ty Coch was found a milestone in 1806 (14), Fenton (15)(1810) records signs of a road close to the house but milestone destroyed. There are no obstacles to a direct line between Lllandeiniolen and Ty coch. (line projected only) (13)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

 13
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 1923

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 Unknown
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PRN: 17567 NGR: SH59556998 OSMAP: SH56NE PART OF (PRN): 3842

Fenton...old lane in direct line between Ty Coch and Maes y groes from Ogwen (15) Sites of the actual crossings have yet to be identified (13)

Line projected only

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

13 Hemp 1923 15 Fenton R 1917

PRN: 17568 NGR: SH64147186 OSMAP: SH67SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

runs parralel to the coast....not followed by the present main road...course a little farther up the hillside and probably marked by hedgerow lines... runs between modern road and old lane higher up the hill especially to the west of Tyn yr Hendre. Short stretch of lane at Maes y groes (5)

No actual remains of the R road between [Maes y groes] and Aber (13)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D 1957 13 Hemp 1923

PRN: 17569 NGR: SH66987351 OSMAP: SH67SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Poss milestone at Madryn Farm, rough lane as it descends to Gorddinog. At the steep descent it becomes a very clear but narrow terrace and zig zags down the steepest part (5)

Ascent round the lower face of the hill above Goddinog...Nant y felin fach was probably crossed near the Gorddinog kennels and the eastern slopes of the valley followed (13)

No evidence of road alignment or route (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 3 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 5 Margary I D
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 13 Hemp
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 21 Dodd
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PRN: 17570 NGR: SH67907308 OSMAP: SH67SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

At the steep descent it becomes a very clear but narrow terrace and zigzags down the steepest part....(5)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

The final zigzag appears to be the latest phase. The earlier continues to the north-west (PRN 17842). Parts of the road have been almost lost in improved pasture, and a deeply eroded hollow way is all that remains of the steeper part of the road. There is little to identify it as Roman. (38)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D 1957 21 Dodd 1925 38 Hopewell D 2004

PRN: 17571 NGR: SH69437236 OSMAP: SH67SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Good example of shelf on hillside, wall built on eastern portion (16)

No change (1)

Paved road 6 ft wide found by excavation, surface of small flat stones, in some parts quite closely fitted together, larger flat stones may have been foundation. Thickness of surface from 3 to 6 inches. Mr Richard Williams of Hengae states that his grandfather could remember the roadside wall being built from stones taken from the road (17)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

Drystone wall sits on convincing 5m wide terrace (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E	CONDITION: 2	STATUS: K.	SURVIVAL: E
REFERENCES:			
1 OS Linear files		1978	
16 RCAHM		1956	
17 Bezant Lowe W		1927	
21 Dodd		1925	
38 Hopewell D		2004	

PRN: 17572 NGR: SH69737228 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Road about 15 ft wide appears as a level shelf on the hillside or as a raised bank (16)

Hollow ways on or near line. Course uncertain beneath pylon line (1)

Richard Williams of Hengae states that his grandfather could remember the roadside wall being built from stones taken from the road (17)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

RR largely destroyed by modern road and ditches (38)

NOTES: Improved track (pylon maintainace) on or close to line of R road

FORM: D CONDITION: 3 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:
1 OS Linear files 1978

16 RCAHM 1956
17 Bezant Lowe W 1927
21 Dodd 1925
38 Hopewell D 2004

PRN: 17573 NGR: SH70387205 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Road about 15 ft wide appears as a level shelf on the hillside or as a raised bank, good example of bank (16) Hollow ways on or near line (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

Agger is low but visible running towards the ford where it has been destroyed by the modern road. A patch of erosion shows the agger to be made up of clay and rogh stones with a gravel surface (38)

NOTES: Improved track (pylon maintainace) on or close to line

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978
16 RCAHM 1956
21 Dodd 1925
38 Hopewell D 2004

PRN: 17574 NGR: SH70727201 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Road about 15 ft wide appears as a level shelf on the hillside or as a raised bank (16)

Hollow ways on or near line (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

A series of banks and hollow ways run across the bwlch beneath the power lines. The southernmost is almost certainly the agger of the RR. The side ditches have been eroded into hollow ways in places but the agger is largely intact. (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 1	STATUS: K	SURVIVAL: E
REFERENCES:		
1 OS Linear files	1978	
16 RCAHM	1956	
21 Dodd	1925	
38 Hopewell D	2004	

PRN: 17575 NGR: SH71127191 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Good example of shelf on hillside, Paving revealed showing two periods of construction in 1952 (16)

Modern track on or near line (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

Modern track just about on same line altogh fragments of terracing survive on S side (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E	CONDITION: 3	STATUS: K	SURVIVAL: E
REFERENCES	:		
1 OS Linear files		1978	
16 RCAHM		1956	
21 Dodd		1925	
38 Hopewell D		2004	

PRN: 17576 NGR: SH71577174 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The stretch through Bwlch y Ddeufaen is made up of about 12 short straight sections laid out to follow the form of the ground but never depart more than 100yds from the direct line. (16)

Modern track on or near line (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

Modern track coincides with RR for a short distance but not at W. (38)

NOTES: Improved track (pylon maintainace) on or close to line

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PRN: 17577 NGR: SH71987155 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Good example of shelf on hillside/bank. (16)

Visible on Aps. Milestone (site of) beside road. Modern track on or near line (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

Line of modern track diverges from RR (38)

NOTES: Improved track (pylon maintainace) on or close to line

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	1978 1956 1925

PRN: 17578 NGR: SH72687139 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Good example of shelf on hillside. (16)

Visible on Aps, Hollow way 7m wide (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a tumpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

NOTES: Hollow way and shelf or bank/agger clearly visible and well preserved above the road. Probably multiphase.

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 16 RCAHM 1956 21 Dodd 1925

PRN: 17579 NGR: SH73687165 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

This road can be traced in two nearly straight sections to the bend at SH72687135. Stone pillar 6ft high appears to stand on the S edge of the vallum (16)

Prob alignment of R road (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

Earlier, probably Roman road can be seen diverging slightly from present on 1946 RAF Aps (38)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 16 RCAHM 21 Dodd 38 Hopewell D

1978 1956 1925

2004

PRN: 17580 NGR: SH74627209 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Faint traces of bank under S wall of track (16)

Prob alignment of R road (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

NOTES:

21 Dodd

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 16 RCAHM

1978 1956 1925

PRN: 17581

NGR: SH75897199 OSMAP: SH77SE PART OF (PRN): 3842

DESCRIPTION

The road probably passes through Tyn y Groes and Rowen (16)

No trace of R road (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 16 RCAHM 21 Dodd

1978 1956

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PRN: 17582 NGR: SH77187185 OSMAP: SH77SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The road probably passes through Tyn y Groes and Rowen (16)

Modern road prob on R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

16 RCAHM

PRN: 17583 NGR: SH77877153 OSMAP: SH77SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The road probably passes through Tyn y Groes and Rowen (16)

No trace of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P

TUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 16 RCAHM 1956

PRN: 17584 NGR: SH78107114 OSMAP: SH77SE PART OF (PRN): 3842

DESCRIPTION

Road probably crossed the river at or perhaps some way S of Tal y Ccafn (16) No trace of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 16 RCAHM
 1956

PRN: 17585 NGR: SH77717060 OSMAP: SH77SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Road sectioned 14 ft wide, 3 ft thick (18) Parch marks show road and vicus(19)

Geophys confirmed line of road and vicus (20)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

 18 Reynolds P K B
 1938

 19 Frere S S and St Joseph J K S
 1983

 20 Hopewell D
 2003

PRN: 17586 NGR: SH77747053 OSMAP: SH77SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Poss road to putative Roman docks sectioned 'may be Roman' (18) Geophys inconclusive (20)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 3 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

 18 Reynolds P K B
 1938

 20 Hopewell D
 2003

PRN: 17587 NGR: SH77767105 OSMAP: SH77SE PART OF (PRN): 3842

DESCRIPTION

AO RB Map Mss course, No trace (1)

NOTES:

FORM; D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: D SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978

PRN: 17588 NGR: SH68777241 OSMAP: PART OF (PRN): 3842
DESCRIPTION

Nant y felin fach was probably crossed near the Gorddinog kennels and the eastern slopes of the valley followed past the site of the discovery of two milestones....the way probably led almost diectly to Bwlch y Ddeufaen joining the OS map route about a mile from the farm (13)

The present (in 1912) track was sectioned opposite to the place where the two (mile) stones were discovered and was found to be 8ft wide [2.4m] and of rubble and stone. Two sections were made through an old track in the woods that runs parallel to the more recent further down the slope, these were also found to be 8 ft wide (40)

Nothing of Roman character has been identified running close to the stones (38)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1923 13 Hemp 40 Halhead W B 1912 41 Breese C E and Anwyl E 1909

PRN: 17589 NGR: SH53286407 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable

if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence..(22)

Poss. Causeway. Note significant name 'Tal Sarn' = high causeway APs (1)

Unlikely course of road away from high ground (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 22 RCAHM 1960

PRN: 17590 NGR: SH50836302 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable

if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence..(22)

NOTES: Projected line only

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: 11

REFERENCES: 22 RCAHM 1960

PRN: 17591 NGR: SH51666319 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Substantial causeway. Note name 'Sarn' (22)

Prob modern (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 SURVIVAL: E STATUS: P

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 22 RCAHM 1960

PRN: 17592 NGR: SH52006339 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence. (22)

NOTES: Projected linking section only

FORM: D STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U CONDITION: 5

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM 1960

PRN: 17593 NGR: SH52326348 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable

if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence. (22)

?Gravel spread APs. Nothing visible on ground (1)

NOTES:

FORM: C CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: C REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 22 RCAHM

1978 1960

PRN: 17594 NGR: SH52636347 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable

if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence.. (22)

NOTES: Projected linking section only

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17595 NGR: SH52956345 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable

if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence. Section of bank may be R road but possibly due to cultivation (22)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

22 RCAHM 1960

PRN: 17596 NGR: SH54126350 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence..(22)

NOTES: projected linking section only

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17597 NGR: SH55606361 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable

if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence.. A paved road is recorded from the hut group at Pen-isa'r-waen running roughly SW to the Afon Rhythallt in Wyn Williams King Arthur's Well 1858 chap V(22)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17598 NGR: SH57606750 OSMAP: SH56NE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable

if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence. The most important .. is the milestone found at Caer-bythod. The direct route from Ty-coch from Caer-bythod passes close to the extensive field system near Rhiwlas, which is associated with hut groups, one at least of the Roman period(22)

NOTES: Projected line, Ty-coch to Caer-bythod.

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

PRN: 17817 NGR: SH71867161 OSMAP: SH 77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Good example of shelf on hillside/bank. (16)

Visible on Aps. Milestone (site of) beside road. Modern track on or near line (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

A 4m to 5m wide road visible as either a terrace, somewhat eroded agger, or hollow way runs on a straight alignment to the north of the modern track. This is almost certainly the Roman road (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 16 RCAHM 1956 21 Dodd 1925 38 Hopewell D 2004

PRN: 17831 NGR: SH50596347 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842

Cropmark on aerial photograph SNP 2/10/86 5186149 continuing from straight alignment of hedgerows. (43) Difficult to see on the ground, poss slight bank visible in low light angles.(38)

NOTES:

FORM: C

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: C

REFERENCES:

Hopewell D

2004 1986

NGR: SH50276329 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3842

PRN: 17832 DESCRIPTION

Cropmark on aerial photograph SNP 2/10/86 5186149 continuing from straight alignment of hedgerows and 17831. Not very clear.(43)

NOTES:

FORM: C

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: C

REFERENCES:

1986

PRN: 17833 NGR: SH54046587 OSMAP: SH56NW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Cropmark/ferrace on aerial photograph SNP 2/10/86 5186165 running from Llandeiniolen rectory. (43) This has also been reported by a local resident in 2004. Difficult to see on the ground however (38)

NOTES:

FORM: C

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: C

REFERENCES:

2004 38 Hopewell D 43 1986

PRN: 17834 NGR: SH56286752 OSMAP: SH56NE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Cropmark/terrace on aerial photograph SNP 3/10/86 5286041 (43). Difficult to see on the ground, poss slight bank.(38)

NOTES:

FORM: C

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: C

REFERENCES:

38 Hopewell D 2004 43 1986

PRN: 17835 NGR: SH58146828 OSMAP: SH56NE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Short length of linear cropmark on aerial photograph SNP 3/10/86 5286112. (43)

NOTES:

FORM: C

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: C

REFERENCES:

43

1986

PRN: 17840 NGR: SH71387183 OSMAP: SH77SW PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The stretch through Bwlch y Ddeufaen is made up of about 12 short straight sections laid out to follow the form of the ground but never depart more than 100yds from the direct line. (16)

Modern track on or near line (1)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

Up to three phases of hollow way run to the south of the current track. The most southerly and the most direct appears to be the eroded remnant of the RR. This is further demonstrated by a line of quarry pits set slightly back from the south side of the road in typical Roman fashion(38)

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PRN: 17841 NGR: SH68977257 OSMAP: SH67SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

Good example of shelf on hillside, wall built on eastern portion (16)

No change (1)

Paved road 6 ft wide found by excavation, surface of small flat stones, in some parts quite closely fitted together, larger flat stones may have been foundation. Thickness of surface from 3 to 6 inches. Mr Richard Williams of Hengae states that his grandfather could remember the roadside wall being built from stones taken from the road (17)

An abortive attempt was made to make a turnpike of the old Roman road c1769 (21)

The eastern end of the shelf is the route of several later phases of road. It is still 5m or more wide but Roman characteristics are less obvious. There is no obvious direct link to the route along the NW of Rhiwiau-isaf where the road turns towards Llanfairfechan.(38)

NOTES:

FORM: E	CONDITION: 2	STATUS: PP	SURVIVAL: E
REFERENCES:			
1 OS Linear files		1978	
16 RCAHM		1956	
17 Bezant Lowe W		1927	
21 Dodd		1925	
38 Hopewell D		2004	

PRN: 17842 NGR: SH67877324 OSMAP: SH67SE PART OF (PRN): 3842 DESCRIPTION

The line of the old road on the north-west side of Nant y Felin can be clearly traced on RAF aerial photographs (verticals 1946)> It is less obvious on the ground now but the earliest phase appears to run to a point to the east of The Kennels and then Zig Zag obliquely down the slope. The latter part has recently been remade into a driveway. Nothing identifiably Roman

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

38 Hopewell D

ROAD RR67B CANOVIUM TO VARIS

PRN: 17652 NGR: SH79797258 OSMAP: SH77SE PART OF (PRN): 3841 DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Natural landing at rock outcrop, approximate logical course dictated by topography (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

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PRN: 17653

NGR: SH80177253 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Extant, E part overgrown (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17654 NG

NGR: SH80347258 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Skight suggestion of possible agger under plough, partially covered by dumped soil to E. Easy and logical course that avoids crossing stream (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17655 NGR: SH80447259 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841 DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Course closely held by turn to N of embankment, hillocks of outcrop rock and slight cutting through hedge Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17656 NGR: SH80767261 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841 DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Logical course fairly closely held by cuttings and slightly higher ground to the south. No trace across pasture (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

PRN: 17657 NGR: SH81227277 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841 DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Modern road in cutting through two hillocks. Cutting extends beyond hedge into field on N side. [then follows] logical course to avoid high ground. Hedge on line. No trace of road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17658

NGR: SH81567258 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Poss course along modern road and across pasture. Logical course dictated by topography. No trace (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

5 Margary 1 D

1978

1957

PRN: 17659

NGR: SH82067241 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Agger-like feature along top of N-S ridge and downhill to west, Excavated, not Ro. Road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

I OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17660 NGR: SH82167199 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841 DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) No trace in pasture or wood (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17661

NGR: SH82287190 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Wide terrace possibly Roman or may be natural. Slight and doubtful traces of terrace in copse (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17662

NGR: SH82447189 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) No trace across pasture (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 5 Margary I D

1978 1957

PRN: 17663

NGR: SH82677185 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Extant. Heavy scatter of stones in pasture bump on hedge(1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17664

NGR: SH82987168 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION

From Rhyd-Loyw a wandering course is marked, by remains and other significant features, to Cae-gwyn quay (5) Lane probably on line, no topographical reason to deviate (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17665

NGR: SH83197157 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION

Extant remains near Rhyd-loyw (5)

Bump on course. No trace in pasture, logical course (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17666 NGR: SH83357144 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841 DESCRIPTION

Mainly extant apart from part of zigzag, where washed out except for fragment of possible agger E of hedge [on W side of zigzag] (summarised from 1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17667 NGR: SH83487139 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841 DESCRIPTION

No trace in pasture (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17668 NGR: SH83557136 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17669

NGR: SH83897128 OSMAP: SH87SW PART OF (PRN): 3841

DESCRIPTION

No trace in pasture (1)

NOTES: GAT copy of OS linear incomplete.

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

ROAD RR69A CANOVIUM TO TOMEN Y MUR

PRN: 17670 NGR: SH70923931 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Modern track on line (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17671 NGR: SH70983963 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Almost perfect R road (11) 4 to 5m wide agger in rough moorland (38) Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978 1967 2004

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 38 Hopewell D

PRN: 17672 NGR: SH71063974 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Almost perfect R road (11) Difficult to trace possible modern disturbance (38) No trace of Ro road across moorland (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 38 Hopewell D

1978 1967 2004

PRN: 17673 NGR: SH71244022 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Traces of R road here (11) Largely destroyed in forestry plantation (38) No trace, forestry plantation, deep gully [at E] no trace of crossing (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 38 Hopewell D

1978 1967 2004

PRN: 17674 NGR: SH71464086 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Ford 100 yds above Bont Newydd (11)

No trace (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1978

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17675 NGR: SH71754125 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Modern lane prob on line (11)

No trace (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

I OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17676 NGR: SH71934153 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Faint terrace (11)

No trace across arable fields (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL; B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17677 NGR: SH72224196 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

on line of footpath, [then deviates as] terrace 60yds to E of footpath, apparently original R road, [rejoins as] grassy terrace (11)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

I OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17678 NGR: SH72434260 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

In a fair state of preservation as it passes through Beddau Gwyr Ardudwy (11) Trackway, no identifiable Roman features (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17679 NGR: SH72674305 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

In a fair state of preservation as it passes through Beddau Gwyr Ardudwy (11) Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1978

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17680 NGR: SH72994340 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Well engineered as causeway and series of terraces, partly modern but on line of Ro road (11) No trace at stream crossing, several hollow ways on the hill (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

PRN: 17681 NGR: SH73144368 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Well engineered as causeway and series of terraces, partly modern but on line of Ro road (11) Made track and terrace, modern (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17682 NGR: SH73394419 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Well engineered as causeway and series of terraces, partly modern but on line of Ro road (11) Wet marshy area - no trace of agger (1)

NOTES

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17683 NGR: SH73704447 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

[road] occupies natural terrace above Cwm Teigl. Partly overlain by later road (11) Trackway (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17684 NGR: SH73794485 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

[road] occupies natural terrace above Cwm Teigl. Partly overlain by later road (11) Hollow way (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17685 NGR: SH73844509 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Terrace-way 10ft wide climbing gently to the N (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17686 NGR: SH73874561 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Shallow hollow way. Very overgrown (1)

NOTES: Current OS maps show that this section of the road passes through a forestry plantation and could well be lost or damaged.

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1OS Linear files

PRN: 17687 NGR: SH73854587 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Short stretch of R road visible in the neighbourhood of Rhiw bach quarry (12)

Terrace-way ditched on W side with short stretch of paved road centred at SH73954587, surveyed 1971 (1)

NOTES: Current OS maps show that this section of the road passes through a forestry plantation and could well be lost or damaged.

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

12 RCAHM

1964

PRN: 17688 NGR: SH73934614 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

No trace across quarry (1)

NOTES: presumed destroyed FORM: D CONI

CONDITION: 4

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17689 NGR: SH73904647 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

No trace across bog (1)

NOTES: Poss buried under peat, good potential for environmental sampling

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17690 NGR: SH73814701 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Disused overgrown track, possible course.

Recent drainage ditches across road between Rhiw Bach and the head of Cwm Penamnen showed traces of substantial slate paving with a kerb of boulders (1)

Road not identified during Moel Bowydd upland survey. E-W road was visible in places. It was slate paved and similar to Sarn Helen descipion in (1) but was probably associated with the quarries (site 14754 (12)).

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES: 1 OS Linear files

1978

12 RCAHM

1964

PRN: 17691 NGR: SH73614763 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

No trace over summit of ridge (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17692 NGR: SH73624819 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Old track now a forestry road, ascends steadily southward towards Col. Prob course (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

PRN: 17693 NGR: SH73694845 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Old track now a forestry road, ascends steadily southward towards Col. Prob course (1) Scarp up to 1m high, surveyed 1971 (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17694 NGR: SH73644900 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Old track now a forestry road, ascends steadily southward towards Col. Prob course (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17695 NGR: SH73715111 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Roman road ran along W side of Cwm Penamnen (5) Old road follows easiest route up Cwn Penamnen (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978 1957

5 Margary I D

PRN: 17696 NGR: SH74795317 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844

The main route of the R road from Pont-y-pant is thought to have approached Dolwyddelan along the S bank of the river close to the railway which has partly obliterated it although part remains in use as a lane (5) No trace of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1978

1 OS Linear files 5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17698 NGR: SH76035453 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Narrow Iane said to mark course of R road from Pentre Du to Pont-y-pant (5) Modern lane and track climb steadily north-eastwards from Lledr valley. Poss course (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17699 NGR: SH79155669 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Road turns west for 3/4 mile at Betws-y-coed and then SW as a narrow lane from Pentre-du to Pont-y-pant (5) No trace of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 5 Margary I D

1978 1957

PRN: 17700

NGR: SH79765762 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844

DESCRIPTION

Exact line of R road unknown (12)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

12 RCAHM

1964

PRN: 17701

NGR: SH78786162 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844

DESCRIPTION

Roman road exists as a valley side terrace from Trefriw to Betws-y-coed (5)

Modern road on line, no trace of Roman construction (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17702 NGR: SH77013619 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Exact course of Roman road unknown (12)

Roman road lost over low lying ground but course generally represented by present main road (5) No change (1)

NOTES: FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978 1957

5 Margary I D 12 RCAHM

1964

PRN: 17703 NGR: SH77617024 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Road with metal 2 ft thick 12 ft wide spread to 17ft (18)

Fragmentary traces of spread agger but too vague to be surveyed (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978 1938

18 Reynolds PKB

NGR: SH77577014 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844

PRN: 17704 DESCRIPTION

Poassible bed of road found turning to the SW (18)

Possible roadside ditches found by gradiometer survey (20)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

18 Reynolds PKB

1938

20 Hopewell D

2003

PRN: 17705 DESCRIPTION NGR: SH77307009 OSMAP: SH74SW PART OF (PRN): 3844

The road bends to the SW (18)

NOTES: Projected line only

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

18 Reynolds PKB

1938

PRN: 17818 NGR: SH77986333 OSMAP: SH76SE PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Follows higher route than Margary's suggested line (37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

1999

PRN: 17830 NGR: SH70054873 OSMAP: SH74NW PART OF (PRN): 3844 DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Line runs to W of fairly well-established route of Sarn Helen. (37).

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

ROADS RR69AA DOLWYDDELAN TO TREFRIW AND RRN53 CAER LLUGWY TO BETWS Y COED

PRN: 17706 NGR: SH74675715 OSMAP: SH75NW PART OF (PRN): 17806 DESCRIPTION

Recent investigations in the neighbourhood of the fort have established the existence of a direct route between Dolwyddelan and Trefriw. An ancient road has been traced between a point above Dolwyddelan....up to the farm (Bryn y gefeiliau) itself From the farm it decends steeply towards the fort diverging to the E of the present road a short distance below the farm

NOTES: Course projected from tracks shown on 1891 OS maps. A road can be traced from the southern gate of the fort for about 100 m

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 27 Hall J P

1978 1923

PRN: 17711 NGR: SH78086303 OSMAP: SH75NE PART OF (PRN): 17806 DESCRIPTION

There is some slight evidence for a more direct route, summary:- Crosses the river to the N of the fort and up the valley slope to the E passing Glyn. It picks up the old road from Pont Ty Hyll towards Llanrwst. It then cuts N to Llanrhychwyn. A stretch of road can be seen running from a reservoir to the E of Tyn-y-bryn farm to a point 1/4 of a mile to the W of Llanrhychwyn church. Road terminates at Trefriw (27)

NOTES: Plotted route approximate (from Hemp description)

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

27 Hall J P

1923

PRN: 17707 NGR: SH74745732 OSMAP: SH75NW PART OF (PRN): 17805 DESCRIPTION

Undoubted R. road running from the E gate of the fort (27) Confirmed by geophysical survey (20)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D

27 Hall JP

2003 1923

PRN: 17708 NGR: SH74935732 OSMAP: SH75NW PART OF (PRN): 17805 DESCRIPTION

...road can still be clearly traced in places as a raised bank; elsewhere, although not visible its course can be followed under the turf with the help of a probe, and where it crosses ridges of rock it is eased over them by pitching (27)

NOTES: survival through the woods is good, sporadically visible to the east of this. Not planned in detail

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K.

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

27 Hall J P

1923

PRN: 17709 NGR: SH76305762 OSMAP: SH75NE PART OF (PRN): 17805 DESCRIPTION

Eastwards...the roman way is obliterated by the almost disused coach road, until Pont Ty Hyll is reached...the old road continues as a grass covered mound following the river bank. It crosses the modern road a short distance below and follows it down the valley at a higher level. This could represent either the coach road or R road or both (27)

NOTES: Plotted line indicative only, detailed route unknown.

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

27 Hall JP

PRN: 17710 NGR: SH75015707 OSMAP: SH75NW PART OF (PRN): 17805

DESCRIPTION

Another carefully graded road leavesabove Bryn y Gefeiliau farm and runs down to the river a short distance to the west of the ancient lead workings. ...may have been used by 'through traffic' (27)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

27 Hall J P

ROAD RR68 PART 1 SEGONTIUM TO TOMEN Y MUR

PRN: 17533 NGR: SH52575914 OSMAP: SH56SW PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

Modern road probably on line of Roman road to Waunfawr (5) No change (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17534 NGR: SH53315808 OSMAP: SH55NW PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

.....but course doubtful beyond that point [Waunfawr] and the remains of a derelict railway provide plenty of false clues....(5)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17535 NGR: SH55845466 OSMAP: SH55SE PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

It has been suggested that the course of the road lay on the west side of Llyn Cellyn, where there are some clear traces of a narrow terrace but it is doubtful if there was ever enough space for this to reach the N end of the lake at the foot of the

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17536 NGR: SH57125348 OSMAP: SH55SE PART OF (PRN): 3843

DESCRIPTION

As projected on OS linear map (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978

PRN: 17537 NGR: SH56625166 OSMAP: SH55SE PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

Roman road poss. Marked by terrace lane high up on W slopes between Rhyd-Ddu and Beddgelert (5) Possible course not identified (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17538 NGR: SH57874835 OSMAP: SH54NE PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

Roman road poss. Marked by terrace lane high up on W slopes between Rhyd-Ddu and Beddgelert passing near Meillionen Farm (5)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17539 NGR: SH59334676 OSMAP: SH54NE PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

The Roman road probably ran through Aberglaslyn Pass (5)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17540 NGR: SH60464596 OSMAP: SH64NW PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

Course of road prob. represented by a series of very hilly lanes between Nantmor and Bwlchgwernog (5)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17541 NGR: SH63514397 OSMAP: SH64SW PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

It is generally accepted that the old coach road from Tan-y-Bwlch over the mountains to Croesor is the Roman road, and it certainly followed an earlier packhorse trail, the deep-cut hollows... can be traced...

Fine length of stone paved road...prob no later than C 18th (SH64444212) (11)

Portion of very ancient road at Ff Helen Arch C 1856 p422 prob pack horse route (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1978 1967

PRN: 17542 NGR: SH65404129 OSMAP: SH64SE PART OF (PRN): 3843

DESCRIPTION

Suggested rote described (11)

Steep footpath, modern road/track, no trace of agger on suggested alignment (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1978 1967

PRN: 17543 NGR: SH66114133 OSMAP: SH64SE PART OF (PRN): 3843

DESCRIPTION
Short length of surviving road (11)

Modern track (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

l OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17544 NGR: SH66374124 OSMAP: SH64SE PART OF (PRN): 3843
DESCRIPTION

Suggested rote described (11) Footpath in wood (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

PRN: 17545 NGR: SH67954114 OSMAP: SH64SE PART OF (PRN): 3843

DESCRIPTION

Hollows twisting downhill (11) Footpath and old track etc (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17546 NGR: SH68544075 OSMAP: SH64SE PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

The road is clearly marked on the maps and passes the copse called Nurse-bachGelli-dywyll......(11) Track and road on suggested alignment (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1978 1967

PRN: 17547 NGR: SH69123990 OSMAP: SH63NE PART OF (PRN): 3843
DESCRIPTION

Slight hollow in field...cart track on line (11)

No trace (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1978 1967

PRN: 17548 NGR: SH69523971 OSMAP: SH63NE PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

Road visible at stream crossing (11)

No traces (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1978

G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17549 NGR: SH69703912 OSMAP: SH63NE PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

Deep cut modern road.....causeway on lower side of field wall (11)

Extant (1)

The road can be traced for all of 17549. Where well preserved, it is visible as a 5.5m wide agger and in places as a 5m wide terrace. Intermittently severe erosion by a stream on the southern portion. At the north the road has largely been destroyed by a modern road and a recently constructed Barn. The road surface can be seen in section where cut by the stream and the barn and consists of a 10-15cm deep layer of gravel on a clay agger. (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

PRN: 17550 NGR: SH70113897 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

Terrace above stream (11)

Extant (1)

Well defined 5.0m wide terrace above stream (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

PRN: 17551 NGR: SH70453889 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

Terrace 12 ft wide with bank on lower side (11)

No trace across pasture (1)

Very slight traces of a terrace (38)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

PRN: 17552 NGR: SH70493884 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3843 DESCRIPTION

roadway in the form of a built agger.....road constructed un symmetrically with the axis of the fort....bounded by earth banks (11)

Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

RR68 PART 2 TOMEN Y MUR TO CAER GAI

PRN: 17502 NGR: SH70823840 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Slight aggger in improved pasture (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17503

NGR: SH71053817 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

curves around low knoll (2) Hollow way around mound (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

2Crew and Musson

1996

3 Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17504 NGR: SH71123806 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Poss ible traces of agger in improved pasture (3)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17505 NGR: SH71453787 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Footpath and field walls on line (1).

No extant road features or quarry pits on this line although some possible pits visible in improved pasture to the south (3) Photograph from Toby Driver 2004-cs-0415 shows clear terrace in field to the S so this line is unlikely (39).

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 3 Hopewell D 39 Driver T

1978

2004 2004

PRN: 17506

NGR: SH72173784 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

grass track between road and quarry pits (1)

Currently used track 2.2m wide, very rutted and still eroding. Some big stones on the edge could be the remains of a kerb (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

3Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17507

NGR: SH73013790 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

Hollow way. Modern road on line (1). Quarry pits confirm the line of the Roman road (3)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 3 Hopewell D

1978 2004

PRN: 17508

NGR: SH73533771 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

Dolddinas farm environs, no extant road. P. Crew reports a visible river crossing but very substantial crosion after flooding in ?2001 may have destroyed this.(3)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17509

NGR: SH73833740 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Road runs to W of Llyn Hiraethlyn. [The road] takes a fairly direct line through the low hills south of Dolddinas.(2). Road visible as a series of lengths of agger and terrace (plus a small cutting) between the river to the E of Dolddinas and Crew's AP transcriptions at Llyn Hiraethlyn. Well preserved. (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

2Crew and Musson 3Hopewell D

1996 2004

PRN: 17510 NGR: SH74283681 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

...zig-zagging down the slopes south of the llyn....its line is emphasised by the large shallow quarry scoops on either side, which were used to win gravel for the road surface. Near the foot of the picture the road turns sharp left to descend a steep slope towards the corner of the modern fields, (2) Transcription shown. Well preserved agger visible in places, 3 to 3.5m wide with visible roadside ditches (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

2Crew and Musson

3 Hopewell D

1996 2004

PRN: 17511 NGR: SH71073816 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17512 NGR: SH71173806 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Track running NW (4) No traces in pasture (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

4 Irvine

1956

PRN: 17513 NGR: SH71573870 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Alternative route (1 and 4)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 4Irvine 1978 1956

PRN: 17514

NGR: SH74493701 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

No visible extant rems of Ro. Road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17516

NGR: SH76403696 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

No visible extant rems of Ro. Road DRB gen. area(1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17517 NGR: SH76943701 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Shelf about 8 ft wide once heavily metalled (4)

Prob quarry road (1)

No visible extant rems of Ro. Road DRB gen. area(1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

4 Irvine

1978 1956

PRN: 17518 NGR: SH77333668 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

No trace of RR (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17519 NGR: SH75563668 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

No visible extant rems of Ro. Road DRB gen. area(1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17520 NGR: SH75753652 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Road 8 ft wide visible as cropmark (4)

No visible extant rems of Ro. Road DRB gen. area(1)

NOTES:

FORM: C

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: C

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

4 Irvine

PRN: 17521 NGR: SH76303626 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Track on course of (4)

No visible extant rems of Ro. Road DRB gen. area(1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 4Irvine 1956

PRN: 17522 NGR: SH76903620 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Stream on course of road (4)

No visible extant rems of Ro. Road DRB gen. area(1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 4Irvine 1956

PRN: 17523 NGR: SH78463625 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Old boundary ditch turns road into wet ditch (4)

Track visible on A/Ps (1)

Irvine's road is visible as 5m wide terrace at E with later boundary wall on downslope. 50cm of peat over hard surface, no obvious quarry pits. Line clear over watershed as 4.5m wide terrace and quarry pits (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 4 Irvine
 1956

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

PRN: 17524 NGR: SH79263584 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Ledge about 12ft wide with signs of engineering and quarry pits.....road plainly visible from Moel y Slates (4) Road visible on A/Ps (1)

Line of road confirmed during fieldwork by RS Kelly, Section cut, see PRN 5060. Now in a break in commercial forestry (6)

NOTES:

 FORM:
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 CONDITION:
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 STATUS:
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 SURVIVAL:
 E

 REFERENCES:
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 1978
 41 rvine
 1956
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PRN: 17525 NGR: SH77993535 OSMAP: SH73NE PART OF (PRN): DESCRIPTION

Alternate route proposed by P Crew. Well defined terraced road over Bwlch y Bi (Old Roman Road on 1840 map) leading to 2 kilns.(7)

2m wide packhorse trail terraced into slope hollow way and poss slight agger elsewhere. Too narrow to be a main Roman military road, i.e. not part of 3848, but could be Roman access to kilns (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 1 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

7Crew P 38 Hopewell D

1979 2004

PRN: 17526

NGR: SH79933525 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

It follows a track marked on the map for 200yds and turns north-west (4)

...none of the route postulated by Irvine nor the features on it can be positively identified as Roman...(1)

Vague signs of road through long grass, hollow way and terrace to large blocking wall/sheep shelter at SE (38)

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 4 Irvine

1978 1956

38 Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17527 NGR: SH80493461 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Irvine traces "vestiges of a road". Occasional small quarry pits. (4)

...none of the route postulated by Irvine nor the features on it can be positively identified as Roman...(1)

Road well-preserved, runs beneath fridd wall at NW, rock cutting at SH80453470 and then as 4.5 to 5m wide agger except where eroded on steep slope, many quarry pits visible (38)

NOTES: Irvine's route shown to be correct, if a little difficult to trace

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 4 Irvine 38 Hopewell D

1978 1956 2004

PRN: 17528

NGR: SH82183356 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

Irvine traces an "old track" (shown on OS) across Ffridd Trawscoed, updating info in the Inventory (8). He notes some recent remetalling on the western part and probable 18th century metalling W of the junction with Bala track/road. Possible Roman metalling at SH82893346. Quarry pits noted in several places.

...none of the route postulated by Irvine nor the features on it can be positively identified as Roman...(1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1978

I OS Linear files **8RCAHMW** 1921

PRN: 17529 NGR: SH85363188 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Irvine traces various tracks (4)

...none of the route postulated by Irvine nor the features on it can be positively identified as Roman...(1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 4 Irvine

1978

1956

PRN: 17530 NGR: SH87123146 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Irvine projection down to Caer Gai. (4)

...none of the route postulated by Irvine nor the features on it can be positively identified as Roman...(1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

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PRN: 17531 NGR: SH85903286 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Route through Y Lordship proposed by G D B Jones. He claims traces of a road were found during forestry in 1955 (9) Indicitive line digitised.

DJC dismisses this line as medieval packhorse trail and found no supporting evidence of foresty claims (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 9Jones GDB

1978

1959

PRN: 17532 NGR: SH83663222 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Archdeacon Thomas proposed a line along the Lliw valley (10)

DJC FI file. Topographically the valley route appears to be most satisfactory but detailed investigation failed to find any stretches of unquestionably Roman Construction. (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

10 Thomas DR

1885

PRN: 17804 NGR: SH81443389 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Possible length of Roman road identified by C Maxfield and A Batten just to N of Irvine's route during field work for Tir Gofal scheme. Described as very wide earthwork consisting of two outer ditches c.20m apart with agger and inner ditches well defined. (C. Maxfield pers. com.)

Almost certainly peat cutting, probing revealed no hard surface, RR positively identified on different alignment elsewhere

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: D

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

38 Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17807 NGR: SH80133503 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Irvine traces "vestiges of a road". Occasional small quarry pits. (4)

...none of the route postulated by Irvine nor the features on it can be positively identified as Roman...(1)

Road difficult to trace here, ground very uneven perhaps indicating erosion or a landslide. Some poss quarry pits visible (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 4Irvine

1978 1956

38 Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17808 NGR: SH81173393 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3848 DESCRIPTION

Irvine traces "vestiges of a road". Occasional small quarry pits. (4)

...none of the route postulated by Irvine nor the features on it can be positively identified as Roman...(1)

Road visible initially as 5m wide agger then as a terrace passing to the south of Foel Ystrodur Bach before being lost a bog before a few metres before the junction with the later track and PRN 17528 (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 4Irvine

1978 1956

38 Hopewell D

PRN: 17814 NGR: SH71513778 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3848

DESCRIPTION

Photograph from Toby Driver 2004-cs-0415 shows clear terrace in field to the S of more recent track (39).

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

39 Driver T

ROAD RRX95 SEGONTIUM - PEN LLYSTYN - TOMEN Y MUR

PRN: 17554 NGR: SH47645813 OSMAP: SH46SE PART OF (PRN): 17553
DESCRIPTION

The western road must in reality have run southward from Segontium by way of Llanllyfni and Dolbenmaen...(12) The present Caernarfon to Porthmadog road runs along the edge of a plateau 'overlooking the sea to the W and with good visibility to the E. - A suitable line for the Roman road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 12 RCAHM
 1964

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

PRN: 17555 NGR: SH47045321 OSMAP: SH45SE PART OF (PRN): 17553
DESCRIPTION

The western road must in reality have run southward from Segontium by way of Llanllyfini and Dolbenmaen...(12)
The present Caernarfon to Porthmadog road runs along the edge of a plateau 'overlooking the sea to the W and with good visibility to the E. - A suitable line for the Roman road (further illegible note on copies at GAT) (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 12 RCAHM
 1964

PRN: 17556 NGR: SH47884661 OSMAP: SH44NE PART OF (PRN): 17553
DESCRIPTION

Course proposed by FKB (1), RCAHM (12) route (17557) runs along low ground with poor lateral visibility. No trace FKB (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 12 RCAHM 1964

PRN: 17557 NGR: SH47294691 OSMAP: SH44NE PART OF (PRN): 17553
DESCRIPTION

Modern road crosses wet relatively low ground with poor lateral visibility, unlikely line for R road FKB (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978

PRN: 17558 NGR: SH48324359 OSMAP: SH44SE PART OF (PRN): 17553

...short stretches of it are in fact visible on either side of Pen Llystyn fort (12) No trace in vicinity (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 12 RCAHM 1964

PRN: 17559 NGR: SH52553973 OSMAP: SH54SE PART OF (PRN): 17553

DESCRIPTION

The western road must in reality have run southward from Segontium by way of Llanllyfni and Dolbenmaen. In the Mabinogi story of Math vab Mathonwy, the men from South Wales, after their defeat by math near Caernarfon, fell back along a route from Nantcall to Dolbenmaen, and so by way of Traeth Mawr to Felinrhyd and Maentwrog.....(12) Modern road on line, no traces of Roman construction (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:
1 OS Linear files 1978

12 RCAHM 1964

PRN: 17560 NGR: SH61674172 OSMAP: SH64SW PART OF (PRN): 17553 DESCRIPTION

The western road must in reality have run southward from Segontium by way of Llanllyfni and Dolbenmaen. In the Mabinogi story of Math vab Mathonwy, the men from South Wales, after their defeat by math near Caernarfon, fell back along a route from Nantcall to Dolbenmaen, and so by way of Traeth Mawr to Felinrhyd and Maentwrog.....(12) Modern road on line, no traces of Roman construction (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:
1078

1 OS Linear files 1978 12 RCAHM 1964

PRN: 17812 NGR: SH57033963 OSMAP: SH53NE PART OF (PRN): 17553 DESCRIPTION

The western road must in reality have run southward from Segontium by way of Llanllyfni and Dolbenmaen...In the Mabinogi story of Math vab Mathonwy, the men from South Wales, after their defeat by math near Caernarfon, fell back along a route from Nantcall to Dolbenmaen, and so by way of Traeth Mawr to Felinrhyd and Maentwrog.....(12) The Minffordd fords are considered to be the best on Traeth Mawr (41)

Line may have followed traditional best crossing place from Tremadog to Minfordd (38)

NOTES:

 FORM:
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 STATUS:
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 SURVIVAL:
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 REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 12 RCAHM
 1964

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

 41 Breese C E and Anwyl E
 1909

PRN: 17813 NGR: SH62894018 OSMAP: SH64SW PART OF (PRN): 17553 DESCRIPTION

The western road must in reality have run southward from Segontium by way of Llanllyfni and Dolbenmaen. In the Mabinogi story of Math vab Mathonwy, the men from South Wales, after their defeat by math near Caernarfon, fell back along a route from Nantcall to Dolbenmaen, and so by way of Traeth Mawr to Felinrhyd and Maentwrog.....(12) Modern road on line, no traces of Roman construction (1)

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NOTES:

 FORM:
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 CONDITION:
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 STATUS:
 P
 SURVIVAL:
 U

 REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 12 RCAHM
 1964

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

 41 Breese C E and Anwyl E
 1909

PRN: 17821 NGR: SH59233829 OSMAP: SH53NE PART OF (PRN): 17553 DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Route via Portmadog Cob, ignores bath-house. (37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D CONDITION: STATUS: P SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E 1999

PRN: 17822 NGR: SH47485363 OSMAP: SH45SE PART OF (PRN): 17553

DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route following higher ground than PRN 17555 etc.(37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment,

FORM: D CONDITION: STATUS: P SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E 1999

ROAD RRX 48 – SEGONTIUM TO CAER LLUGWY

PRN: 17599 NGR: SH56666117 OSMAP: SH56SE PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence which could be regarded as evidence of a made (although perhaps unfinished) R road ca. 9ft wide. The marching camp at Penygwryd also suggests that the route was used...but does not imply the presence of a made roadway

NOTES: Projected route following modern roads, no evidence until 17600

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17600 NGR: SH59365906 OSMAP: SH55NE PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

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South of Llyn Peris there is a well-made terrace roadway suitable for wheeled traffic, which seems to have been partly washed

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17601 NGR: SH61695740 OSMAP: SH65NW PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caemarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence which could be regarded as evidence of a made (although perhaps unfinished) R road ca. 9ft wide. The marching camp at Penygwryd also suggests that the route was used....but does not imply the presence of a made roadway

NOTES: Projected linking route following modern roads, no evidence on ground.

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17602 NGR: SH65925580 OSMAP: SH65NE PART OF (PRN): 3852

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence which could be regarded as evidence of a made (although perhaps unfinished) R road ca. 9ft wide. The marching camp at Penygwryd also suggests that the route was used....but does not imply the presence of a made roadway (22).

A terraced roadway at Penygwryd. This vanishes under the modern road on the W and cannot be traced further E., it is later

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17603 NGR: SH68085641 OSMAP: SH65NE PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence which could be regarded as evidence of a made (although perhaps unfinished) R road ca. 9ft wide. The marching camp at Penygwryd also suggests that the route was used....but does not imply the presence of a made roadway

NOTES: Projected linking route following modern roads, no evidence on ground.

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17604 NGR: SH69864722 OSMAP: SH65NE PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence which could be regarded as evidence of a made (although perhaps unfinished) R road ca. 9ft wide. The marching camp at Penygwryd also suggests that the route was used....but does not imply the presence of a made roadway

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FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

13 Hemp

1923

22 RCAHM 1960

PRN: 17605 NGR: SH72075813 OSMAP: SH75NW PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarion-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence which could be regarded as evidence of a made (although perhaps unfinished) R road ca. 9ft wide. The marching camp at Penygwryd also suggests that the route was used....but does not imply the presence of a made roadway

NOTES: Projected linking route following modern roads, no evidence on ground.

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

PRN: 17810 NGR: SH68675671 OSMAP: SH65NE PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence which could be regarded as evidence of a made (although perhaps unfinished) R road ca. 9ft wide. The marching camp at Penygwryd also suggests that the route was used....but does not imply the presence of a made roadway (22). A well-preserved packhorse trail runs from Capel Curig to Llanberis this is the only extant early road and there is no evidence to suggest that a Roman road ever passed this way (38). The Caernarvonshire Inventory (RCAHM, 1960 lxvi) lists the trackway down the pass as a packhorse trail (22)

NOTES: Projected linking route following modern roads, no evidence on ground,

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: D

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

28 Gresham

1938

PRN: 17811 NGR: SH63875598 OSMAP: SH65NW PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

The inland deviation of the Caernarfon-Caerhun road would become intelligable if it were to link up with a road through the Llanberis pass....Although this route would be open to the same objections as that through the Aberglaslyn pass, there is some structural evidence which could be regarded as evidence of a made (although perhaps unfinished) R road ca. 9ft wide. The marching camp at Penygwryd also suggests that the route was used....but does not imply the presence of a made roadway (22). A well-preserved packhorse trail runs from Capel Curig to Llanberis this is the only extant early road and there is no evidence to suggest that a Roman road ever passed this way (38). The Caernarvonshire Inventory (RCAHM, 1960 lxvi) lists the trackway down the pass as a packhorse trail (22)

NOTES: Projected linking route following modern roads, no evidence on ground.

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: D

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

22 RCAHM

1960

28 Gresham

1938

PRN: 17824 NGR: SH53335990 OSMAP: SH55NW PART OF (PRN): 3852 DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Similar route to PRN 3852 but takes inland route at west via Groeslon (37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D CONDITION: STATUS: P SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:
37 Waddelove E 1999

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ROAD RR69B PART 1 TOMEN Y MUR TO BRITHDIR

PRN: 17730 NGR: SH71921915 OSMAP: SH71NW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Probably the footpath going straight over the ridge between Llanelltyd and Dolgellau bridges marks the old course (5) Footpath on line of old service road passing through cutting, no trace of R road (1) Footpath and modern road on line, no trace of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17731 DESCRIPTION

NGR: SH71841958 OSMAP: SH72SW PART OF (PRN): 3845

No trace (1)

NOTES: FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17732 NGR: SH73042265 OSMAP: SH72SW PART OF (PRN): 3845

DESCRIPTION Main road must represent course (5)

Modern road, No trace of R road (prob course) (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17733 NGR: SH72722491 OSMAP: SH72SW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Road descends sharply from ridge to Pont ar Eden (5)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17734 NGR: SH72702664 OSMAP: SH72SW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Route along minor modern road. [farm and cliffs named Bwlch y Ffordd] significant name (5) Forestry tracks and modern road, no trace of R. road (poss course of) (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17735

NGR: SH72273014 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845

DESCRIPTION

Course represented generally by minor road, as a terrace way along west side of Craig Penshilen, Main road NOT Sarn Helen as shown on 1" OS (5)

(GAT OS linear incomplete notation (1))

NOTES: GAT OS linear incomplete notation

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17736 NGR: SH72633201 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845

Finely preserved piece of proper Roman road formed by two parallel ditches each about 4' wide delineating a true though small agger no more than 18' wide and 1' high (11).

Extant remains surveyed at 1/2500 (1)

Only surviving stretch of R road in Snowdonia which has the classical structural features..[ditches and agger]. A P published. Direct line [earthwork] is 1980s gas pipeline (2)

Tile kilns PRN 2893 just to the E, 5.5m wide agger with clear ditches. Probing suggests 0.2m of peat above agger. No visible quarry pits (3)

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PRN: 17737 NGR: SH72533230 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Finely preserved piece of proper Roman road formed by two parallel ditches each about 4' wide delineating a true though small agger no more than 18' wide and 1' high (11).

Extant remains surveyed at 1/2500 (1)

Only surviving stretch of R road in Snowdonia which has the classical structural features..[ditches and agger]. A P published. Direct line [earthwork] is 1980s gas pipeline (2)

Modern pipeline cut across it revealing no metalling 1938 (28)

Cut by gas pipeline but generally visible as slight cutting 5.5m wide (3)

NOTES: Perhaps some confusion over pipelines

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 2 Crew and Musson
 1996

 3 Hopewell D
 2004

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

 28 Gresham
 1938

PRN: 17738 NGR: SH72383255 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Terrace 18ft wide becoming faint towards the north (11)

Extant remains surveyed at 1/2500 (1)

A P published. Direct line [earthwork] is 1980s gas pipeline (2)

Well defined terrace 5.5m wide, cut into a moderately steep slope cutting and denuded agger at N (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 1 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978
2 Crew and Musson 1996
3 Hopewell D 2004
11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17739 NGR: SH72253296 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Line marked by footpath and almost invisible but can be confirmed in a good light (11) Barely visible in improved pasture (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 3 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 2004 1967

PRN: 17740 NGR: SH72323312 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Denuded cutting in improved field (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17741 NGR: SH72373324 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Well cut terrace 12 ft wide (11)

Ridge and furrow above the road could have caused some slippage thus forming a 3.5m wide terrace (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 2004 1967

PRN: 17742 NGR: SH72453337 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Lost for short distance in marsh (11)

Lost in marsh (3)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

3 Hopewell D

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

2004 1967

PRN: 17743 NGR: SH72283367 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Slightly hollow track 12 ft wide (11)

Extant remains surveyed at 1/2500 (1)

Visible as a denuded agger 4.5m wide with occasional lengths of surviving ditches (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K.

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

3Hopewell D 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1978 2004 1967

PRN: 17744 NGR: SH71913432 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Route was probably close to the straight run of field walls (11)

No trace mostly pasture fields (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17745 NGR: SH71693339 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Course represented generally by minor road (5)

NOTES: Road to E suggests that this should be discounted

FORM: D CONDITION: 5

STATUS: D

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17746 NGR: SH72453266 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Visible on AP (1)

A P published. Direct line [earthwork] is 1980s gas pipeline (2)

NOTES: Probably a pipeline

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: D

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

2Crew and Musson

1996

PRN: 17747 NGR: SH70953670 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

It seems fairly certain that the road must have run btween the village of Trawsfynydd and the railway station and then crossed the Afon Prysor near Wern Gron (11)

No trace mostly pasture fields (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1978 1967

PRN: 17748 NGR: SH70973698 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Route uncertain, it probably branched from RR68 at the square barrow and ran due south (11)

Modern track may mark route (28)

Precipitous slopes above stream. Graded footpath to W, prob course of road. Green lane in hollow way on line (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 28 Gresham 1978 1967

1938

PRN: 17749 NGR: SH70943743 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Route uncertain, it probably branched from RR68 at the square barrow and ran due south (11)

Modern track may mark route (28)

Precipitous slopes above stream. Graded footpath to W, prob course of road. (1)

NOTES: Modern road cutting disturbs course

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 28 Gresham 1978

1967 1938

PRN: 17750 NGR: SH70923787 OSMAP: SH73NW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Route uncertain, it probably branched from RR68 at the square barrow and ran due south (11)

Modern track may mark route (28)

Route uncertain (5)

Course not apparent across pasture field (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 5 Margary I D
 1957

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

 28 Gresham
 1938

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PRN: 17751 NGR: SH70953670 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Land enclosed and cultivated and remains of a R road not to be expected. Route to crossing of the Wnion at Bont Newydd and thence to Britdir is easy (11)

No precise route obvious and no Roman evidence found (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
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 1 OS Linear files
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 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
 1967

 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A
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PRN: 17752 NGR: SH76682318 OSMAP: SH72SE PART OF (PRN): 3845
DESCRIPTION

Farm road brings course to a point 1/2 mile east of Llanfachreth. (11)

NOTES

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17753 NGR: SH76512439 OSMAP: SH72SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Bwlch Goriwared is a natural pass to the south from the Central uplands of Merioneth. On the west side of the modern track through it there is an ancient made roadway running for about a mile 20 to 30 yards away from the modern track. This resembles Roman work elsewhere and the roadway predates a cattle trail that cuts across it (11) Poss rd (in middle of the Bwlch) visible on A P s (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17754 NGR: SH75982557 OSMAP: SH72NE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Old farm road and forestry track mark route by a gentle graded way up the side of a wide valley (11) No extant evidence (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967

PRN: 17755 NGR: SH76322809 OSMAP: SH72NE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Excellent river [Afon Ty Newydd] crossing point. Modern road probably marks course. A well planned route along gentle slopes (11)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A 1967 PRN: 17756 NGR: SH74802982 OSMAP: SH72NE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

If the roman road did go this way it must lie under the modern road (11) Modern road no trace of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17757 NGR: SH73193133 OSMAP: SH73SW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Short length of poss road 15 yds NE of destroyed farmhouse of Llech Idris and 100 yds S of Bedd Porus (11)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17758 NGR: SH72843165 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

If the roman road did go this way it must lie under the modern road (11) Modern road no trace of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17759 NGR: SH72923087 OSMAP: SH73SE PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Route favoured by Col. H C Irvine (unpublished) (1)

How it got to be shown on some OS maps as Sam Helen is uncertain (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17827 NGR: SH72133418 OSMAP: SH73SW PART OF (PRN): 3845 DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Suggests that road runs only as far as Pen y Stryd tile kilns. (37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

ROAD RR69B PART 2 BRITHDIR TO PENNAL

PRN: 17620 NGR: SH75441874 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Approaches remains of ford on more direct line than that of modern track (23)

5m wide zigzag on either side of stream. Remains of masonry (ford or culvert), not necessarily Roman, at crossing point.

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

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STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

1959

38 Hopewell D

2004

DESCRIPTION

NGR: SH75691857 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846

PRN: 17621

Road zig-zags down to track (23)

Hollow way, about 4m wide zigzags down slope. Fairly convincingly Roman in character (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E.

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B 38 Hopewell D

1959 2004

PRN: 17622

NGR: SH76221859 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846

DESCRIPTION

Road becomes cutting as slope increases (23)

Road visible as a hollow way initially to S of field wall and then between two walls. From 4 to 6m wide. Possible Roman origins but clearly much subsequent use (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

1959

38 Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17623 NGR: SH76411864 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Hedgerow continues alignment (23)

Slight hollow way 3-4m wide beside hedge then slight break of slope and yellowing of grass even in wet weather to east of chapel (38)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

1959

38 Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17624 NGR: SH76811873 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Shallow causeway (23)

Nothing visible in fields, but former owner Mr Edwards of Tyddyn Derwen reports that a parchmark was visible below modern road in dry summer of 1976 (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

1959

38 Hopewell D

PRN: 17625 NGR: SH77041878 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Remains of foundation stones along alignment where modern road deviates (23)

Mainly built over (24) Nothing visible (38)

NOTES:

FORM: B CONDITION: 3 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B 1959 24 Hopewell D 1997 38 Hopewell D 2004

PRN: 17712 NGR: SH70630024 OSMAP: SH70SW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Line of road and vicus demonstrated by excavation and geophysical survey (20)

NOTES:

FORM: B CONDITION: 1 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D 2003

PRN: 17713 NGR: SH71340025 OSMAP: SH70SW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

It seems likely that it turned towards a crossing of the Dovey at Llugwy along the modern lane (5)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17714 NGR: SH73310130 OSMAP: SH70SW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Existing road on the north side of the dovey must mark the route almost to Pennal (5)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17715 NGR: SH75250427 OSMAP: SH70SE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Road descends to the bridge over the Afon Dulas by a most Roman looking ZigZag [at Ffridd]. Minor road marks course (5)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17716 NGR: SH76580874 OSMAP: SH70NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Road appears at some points on the SE bank of the Afon Dulas as a derelict terrace (5)

NOTES: Mostly outside Gwynedd

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17717 NGR: SH76771010 OSMAP: SH71SE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Destroyed by quarrying (5)

No trace (1)

FORM: D

CONDITION: 4

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 5 Margary I D

1978 1957

PRN: 17718 NGR: SH75941059 OSMAP: SH71SE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Road descends the valley of the Llefenni along the W side mostly as a clear narrow terraced road (5) Fragments of tracks and footpaths but never the course of a continuous road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

I OS Linear files

1978 1957

5 Margary I D

NGR: 76031201 PRN: 17719

OSMAP: SH71SE PART OF (PRN): 3846

DESCRIPTION

Road descends the valley of the Llefenni along the W side mostly as a clear narrow terraced road (5) Precipitous hillside never the course of any road or track....modern track not of Roman origin (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

1978

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17720 NGR: SH76091258 OSMAP: SH71SE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

The road from N to S becomes very plain climbing the E side of the ridge as a distinct terrace. This has been much damaged by water action and a later track but short pieces of it have been well preserved and at these points it can be seen as a carefully made terraceway 9 ft wide with an excellent continuous gradient (5)

Deeply rutted watercourse...,barely recognisable as track...well graded terrace...no trace of Roman origin (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17721 NGR: SH75921276 OSMAP: SH71SE PART OF (PRN): 3846

The road from N to S becomes very plain climbing the E side of the ridge as a distinct terrace. This has been much damaged by water action and a later track but short pieces of it have been well preserved and at these points it can be seen as a carefully made terraceway 9 ft wide with an excellent continuous gradient (5) Sunken track between old walls. N trace of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17722 NGR: SH75831325 OSMAP: SH71SE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

The road from N to S becomes very plain climbing the E side of the ridge as a distinct terrace. This has been much damaged by water action and a later track but short pieces of it have been well preserved and at these points it can be seen as a carefully made terraceway 9 ft wide with an excellent continuous gradient (5)

Typical mountain track 2.0m wide, sunken and croded, winding through the mountain pass and around rock in an un-Roman

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 5 Margary I D

1978 1957

PRN: 17723

NGR: SH76091402 OSMAP: SH71SE PART OF (PRN): 3846

The road from N to S becomes very plain climbing the E side of the ridge as a distinct terrace. This has been much damaged by water action and a later track but short pieces of it have been well preserved and at these points it can be seen as a carefully made terraceway 9 ft wide with an excellent continuous gradient (5)

Severely eroded and sunken. Barely recognisable as former road. Well graded on steep hillside but no trace of Roman work....modern 2,0m wide terrace at N. No trace of R road though well graded (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D 1957

PRN: 17724 NGR: SH76221453 OSMAP: SH71SE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

The road from N to S becomes very plain climbing the E side of the ridge as a distinct terrace. This has been much damaged by water action and a later track but short pieces of it have been well preserved and at these points it can be seen as a carefully made terraceway 9 ft wide with an excellent continuous gradient (5)

Two parallel tracks. Western one is Margary's Roman terrace, 3.5m wide in parts. It is later than the hollow way which runs below and parallel to its east and which was reduced to a knife-edged bottom by soil from the construction of the terrace and earlier wear and erosion (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17725 NGR: SH76501582 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Course probably along present main road (5) Modern road, no trace of Roman road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17726 NGR: SH75991691 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Course probably along present road (5) Modern road, no trace of Roman road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17727 NGR: SH74231757 OSMAP: SH71NW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Old road climbing steeply in very straight lengths probably marks the course (5) Modern road, no trace of Roman road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary 1 D

PRN: 17728 NGR: SH72451836 OSMAP: SH71NW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Probably the footpath going straight over the ridge between Llanelltyd and Dolgellau bridges marks the old course (5) Modern road on line no trace (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

I OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17729

NGR: SH72201885 OSMAP: SH71NW PART OF (PRN): 3846

DESCRIPTION

Probably the footpath going straight over the ridge between Llanelltyd and Dolgellau bridges marks the old course (5) Footpath on line (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

5 Margary I D

1978 1957

PRN: 17784 NGR: SH76441860 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846

DESCRIPTION

projected line to terrace at Wern Goch (31)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

1983

PRN: 17785 NGR: SH76201853 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

weak 50m long terrace (31)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

1983

PRN: 17786 NGR: SH75901847 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

projected link from terrace at Wern Goch (31)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

1983

PRN: 17787 NGR: SH74941863 OSMAP: SH71NW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Under modern road (31)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

PRN: 17788 NGR: SH74381821 OSMAP: SH71NW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

visible as 150m terrace and agger then follows field boundaries (31)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

1983

PRN: 17789 NGR: SH73741789 OSMAP: SH71NW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

under modern road (31)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

1983

PRN: 17790 NGR: SH73681758 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3846

DESCRIPTION

terrace (31)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

ROAD RRN 51 AND 52 - BRITHDIR TRIANGLES

PRN: 17777 NGR: SH79031758 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 17801 DESCRIPTION

As the Wroxeter - Dolgellau road emerges from the pass a road branches off to the north west. For the first 750m it is a contour-following terraced road......(31)

The road takes a lower curving line just above Cae'r Tyddyn (2)

Rigg and Toller line is later, it cuts the R. road and the distinctive Roman quarry pits cease at the junction (3).

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 1 SURVIVAL: E STATUS: D

REFERENCES:

2Crew and Musson 1996 3 Hopewell D 2004 31 Rigg J and Toller H 1983

PRN: 17778 NGR: SH 7887176 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 17801 DESCRIPTION

The road takes a lower curving line just above Cae'r Tyddyn [agger and quarry pits clearly visible on AP](2) Low 4.5m wide agger visible with a hint of a ditch on the western side. Nearly ploughed out next to the farm. Rough metalling visible where the road is cut by a stream above Cae'r tyddyn. A good example of extant road c. 600m long

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 1 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1996 2Crew and Musson 3Hopewell D 2004

PRN: 17779 NGR: SH78581822 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 17801 DESCRIPTION

it enters soft ground across which it has been mutilated [for 900m]. It then crosses over firm ground and is clearly of Roman origin and generally well preserved. For the first c.500m it largely follows the the contours along a hillside as a curving well-engineered terrace with intermittent remains of a ditch on the uphill side and then for 300m it descends a well-graded terrace to an old barn.....it has since been slightly mutilated by forestry activities (31) The line of the Roman road follows a later track, which continues as PRN 17777. The track is still in use and is eroded in many places and is 2m wide. Metalling, of undetermined age, is visible where the track has recently been cleared of grass etc Erosion shows that metalling extends to either side of the current track. The most obvious Roman features are the distinctive quarry pits, set back a few metres from the road, that continue from PRN 17778 (3)

NOTES:

CONDITION: 2 STATUS: K SURVIVAL: E FORM: E REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D

2004 31 Rigg J and Toller H 1983

PRN: 17780 NGR: SH78891936 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 17801 DESCRIPTION

From the barn the road continues as a walled green way which passes through a cutting and descends a steep hillside (31) Road through forestry, much disturbed although stone and gravel metalling intermittently visible. N end quite steep with fairly large stones forming the surface in places (3)

NOTES:

CONDITION: 3 SURVIVAL: E FORM: E STATUS: PP

REFERENCES:

3 Hopewell D 2004 31 Rigg J and Toller H 1983

PRN: 17781 NGR: SH78341835 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 17802 DESCRIPTION

Course uncertain apart from a short length of weak terrace (31)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: E REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

1983

PRN: 17782 NGR: SH77791844 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 17802

DESCRIPTION

Visible as a weak terrace c. 4.0m wide (31)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

1983

PRN: 17783 NGR: SH77401864 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 17802 DESCRIPTION

engineered cutting at the SE, agger to W of field wall (31)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

31 Rigg J and Toller H

ROAD RRX96 - BRITHDIR - PENNAL W OF CADER IDRIS

PRN: 17769 NGR: SH67401415 OSMAP: SH61SE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Course proposed by St Joseph (30) and Bowen and Gresham (11). Marked by lanes, tracks and old coach road (Ffordd Ddu), rising by easy gradient and taking advantage of the natural grain of the country. No trace of Roman construction, route practicable....Modern authorities cited (9, 11, 30,) entirely dismiss the traditional R road between Brithdir and pennal to E of Cader Idris (RR69b because of unsuitable terrain and siting strategy of fort at Brithdir) and favour a more circuitous route over better country to the W of the mountain.

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FORM: D	CONDITION: 5	STATUS: P	SURVIVAL: U
REFERENCES	S:		
1 OS Linear files		1978	
9Jones G D B		1959	
11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A		1967	
30 St Joseph		1961	

PRN: 17770 NGR: SH59190924 OSMAP: SH50NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Course proposed by St Joseph along old route (30)

No trace of Roman construction, route practicable....Modern authorities cited (9, 11, 30,) entirely dismiss the traditional R road between Brithdir and pennal to E of Cader Idris (RR69b because of unsuitable terrain and siting strategy of fort at Brithdir) and favour a more circuitous route over better country to the W of the mountain (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5	STATUS: P	SURVIVAL: F
REFERENCES:		
1 OS Linear files	1978	
9Jones G D B	1959	
11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A	1967	
30 St Joseph	1961	

PRN: 17771 NGR: SH63520083 OSMAP: SH60SW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Course proposed by St Joseph (30) and Bowen and Gresham (11). Along old route with the early importance of the Afon Dysynni and Afon Fathew crossings shown by mottes.

No trace of Roman construction, route practicable....Modern authorities cited (9, 11, 30,) entirely dismiss the traditional R road between Brithdir and pennal to E of Cader Idris (RR69b because of unsuitable terrain and siting strategy of fort at Brithdir) and favour a more circuitous route over better country to the W of the mountain (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D	CONDITION: 5	STATUS: P	SURVIVAL: F
REFERENCES			
1 OS Linear files		1978	
9Jones G D B		1959	
11 Bowen E G and	Gresham C A	1967	
30 St Joseph		1961	

PRN: 17772 NGR: SH62890968 OSMAP: SH60NW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Course proposed by Bowen and Gresham (11). A very attractive route which certainly carried heavy traffic in historical times and up to the 19th C.

No trace of Roman construction, route practicable....Modern authorities cited (9, 11, 30,) entirely dismiss the traditional R road between Brithdir and pennal to E of Cader Idris (RR69b because of unsuitable terrain and siting strategy of fort at Brithdir) and favour a more circuitous route over better country to the W of the mountain (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5	STATUS: P	SURVIVAL: F
REFERENCES:		
1 OS Linear files	1978	
9Jones G D B	1959	
11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A	1967	
30 St Joseph	1961	

PRN: 17773 NGR: SH68330660 OSMAP: SH60NE PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Alternative route proposed by Bown and Gresham (11). A shorter though more arduous route.

Pro: Roman coins found at Castell y Bere.

Anti: Rems of the road should appear unambiguously on the slopes of Mynydd Cefn Caer, but the do not there is no more than a narrow footpath there. Virtually impassable in winter. (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

11 Bowen E G and Gresham C A

1967

PRN: 17776 NGR: SH70390016 OSMAP: SH70SW PART OF (PRN): 3846 DESCRIPTION

Probable road to S on gradiometer survey (20)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D

ROAD RR66B CAR GAI TO BRITHDIR

PRN: 17626 NGR: SH77161882 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Post AD 120 road discovered by excavations in 1975 and 1991 (24)

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

24 Hopewell D

1997

PRN: 17627 NGR: SH78071915 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Macadamised road on line for 1.5 miles (23) Straight but v. narrow road on line. Visible on AP (1) Modern asphalt road on line (38)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 23 Jones G D B 38 Hopewell D

1978 1959 2004

PRN: 17628 NGR: SH79071960 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Grassy, overgrown lane. Zig-zag to river crossing (23) 5m wide modernised lane (38)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

38 Hopewell D

1959 2004

PRN: 17629 NGR: SH79411981 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Road climbs SW along back of ridge (23) 5m wide modernised lane terraced into slope (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

23 Jones GDB 1959 38 Hopewell D 2004

PRN: 17630 NGR: SH79872011 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Name implies bridge stands on site of ford. Zig-zag approach to river crossing (23) Track zigzags up slope on NE side of Afon Celynog after somewhat modernised packhorse bridge. Two phases visible, the present ashphalt road and a grassed over zigzag to the E. (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

1959

38 Hopewell D

PRN: 17631 NGR: SH80102053 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849

Road largely hidden by soil slip (23)

Prob course marked by a series of terraces 3.0 to 3.5m wide and a sunken lane (1)

Terraced track 4m wide...becomes 2m wide between field walls (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 23 Jones G D B
 1959

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

PRN: 17632 NGR: SH80472080 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

From Lletty Wyn to Helygog the road runs at a higher level (5)

Modern wall on either side of track, Traces of paving and large stones ? Course of R. road. (1)

Track runs through forestry between drystone walls (38)

NOTES:

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PRN: 17633 NGR: SH80822115 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Road destroyed through forestry plantation, road levelled by buildozing (23)

Terrace stones and an old track/wall mark prob course (1)

3m track runs through forestry (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 3 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 23 Jones G D B
 1959

 38 Hopewell D
 2004

PRN: 17634 NGR: SH81282156 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Ford. Sunken lane, road climbs more steeply to avoid little ravine (23)

Lane climbing and skirting ravine, prob course of road. (1)

Modern lane 4-5m wide turns sharply towards Lletty Wyn to avoid stream a few possible quarry pits (38)

NOTES:

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PRN: 17635 NGR: SH81302173 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Remains of ford preserve the original route where present follows S bend (23) Old track now disused and wet, prob course (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 23 Jones G D B 1959 PRN: 17636 NGR: SH81462214 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Road climbs SW as a macadamised terrace (23)

Prob. Course (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 23 Jones GDB

1978 1959

PRN: 17637 NGR: SH81572263 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

At Drws y Nant the valley broadens out and allows the R road to climb above it and run along the ridge to the SW (23) Modern road terraced, prob course (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

23 Jones GDB 1959

PRN: 17638 NGR: SH82362353 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

At Drws v Nant the valley broadens out and allows the R road to climb above it and run along the ridge to the SW (23) Main road down the valley incorporates the Roman route for 3.25 miles to Drws y Nant running at foot of precipitous S facing slopes (23)

Modern road on course of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

23 Jones GDB

1959

PRN: 17639 NGR: SH82862419 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Main road down the valley incorporates the Roman route for 3.25 miles to Drws y Nant running at foot of precipitous S facing slopes (23)

Farm track prob on course of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1978

1 OS Linear files 23 Jones G D B

1959

PRN: 17640 NGR: SH83192463 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Main road down the valley incorporates the Roman route for 3.25 miles to Drws y Nant running at foot of precipitous S facing slopes (23)

Modern road on course of R road (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1978

1 OS Linear files 23 Jones GDB 1959

PRN: 17641 NGR: SH83522499 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Main road down the valley incorporates the Roman route for 3.25 miles to Drws y Nant running at foot of precipitous S facing slopes (23)

Old road on terrace 9 ft wide (prob R road) (1)

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 23 Jones G D B 1959

PRN: 17642 NGR: SH84592620 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Main road down the valley incorporates the Roman route for 3.25 miles to Drws y Nant running at foot of precipitous S facing slopes (23)

Modern road on or near line maintains level course along valley side a few feet above the bottom (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES: I OS Linear files 1978 23 Jones GDB 1959

PRN: 17643 NGR: SH85092686 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Agger visible at head of pass (5, 23, 1APs)

Ground disturbed by road alterations. No traces of agger (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B CONDITION: 4 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 1957 5 Margary I D 23 Jones G D B 1959

PRN: 17644 NGR: SH85512773 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Lane on line following spine of shallow ridge (23)

Course marked by old lane and hedgerows with traces of agger (5)

Prob traces of agger to S alongside hedge (I)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 5 Margary I D 1957 23 Jones G D B 1959

PRN: 17645 NGR: SH85742837 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Agger 15ft wide, 1-2 ft high (5)

Reed covered causeway with old boundary wall along side for part of the way (23)

Old road between banks across low lying wet ground. Poss incorporates agger but no visible remains (1) Visible on AP (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 5 Margary I D 1957 23 Jones G D B 1959

PRN: 17646 NGR: SH86462939 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Macadamised by-road on the line along a ridge of higher ground above the valley floor in a series of short straights towards the Afon Dyfrydwy> also place name Rhyd Sarn (23) route marked by a hedge and lane (5)

Modern road on or near line (1)

FORM: E CONDITION: 3 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 5 Margary I D 1957 23 Jones G D B 1959

PRN: 17647 NGR: SH87093056 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Remains of road seen in copse N of farmhouse...[then to E] causeway climbing alongside hedgerow (23) No certain traces of road in copse, poss traces of agger; unsurveyable [to E] (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 23 Jones G D B 1959

PRN: 17648 NGR: SH87333098 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Modern road on line shown on strip map (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:
1 OS Linear files 1978

PRN: 17649 NGR: SH87793131 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Coach road visible on AP (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E CONDITION: 2 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978

PRN: 17650 NGR: SH87613135 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Course of (4) No traces (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B CONDITION: 5 STATUS: PP SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 1978 4Irvine 1956

PRN: 17651 NGR: SH84342559 OSMAP: SH82SW PART OF (PRN): 3849 DESCRIPTION

Narrow terrace, so damaged and faint in pices as to show its age, widened and remade in some places but traceable to Drws y Nant (5)

Topographically, largely an impractical route along steep slopes and across deep gorge at Coed -y-Ddol No ground evidence for R road. (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D CONDITION: 5 STATUS: P SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

 1 OS Linear files
 1978

 5 Margary I D
 1957

PRN: 17809 NGR: SH87303116 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3849
DESCRIPTION

Parch mark running from end of avenue to w of Caer Gai visible on aerial photographs taken in 1989 by Hugh Toller (44)

FORM: C

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: C

REFERENCES:

44 Toller H

1989

PRN: 17828 NGR: SH75781772 OSMAP: SH71NE PART OF (PRN): 3849

DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Southern route suggested. (37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES: 37 Waddelove E

ROAD RR66A CAER GAI TO DEVA

PRN: 17606 NGR: SH87933159 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

Air photography showed that the eastern approach to the fort ran in a straight line from the present farm entrance ENE to Lon. Though difficult to locate in the first field E of the farm, which is thought to contain the site of a cemetery, a hump in the hedge and large foundation stones ploughed up along the line of the road make its course more obvious to the gardens of some new houses at Lon. (23)

Line of road and associated vicus in first field to E confirmed by geophysical survey (20)

NOTES:

FORM: C

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: C.

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D

2003

23 Jones G D B

1959

PRN: 17607

NGR: SH88203172 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3850

DESCRIPTION

It climbs as a cutting E of Coed y Lon (23)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

1959

PRN: 17608 NGR: SH88543196 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

it runs along the hillside as a leaf covered terrace. 12 ft. wide (23)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

1959

PRN: 17609 NGR: SH90893421 OSMAP: SH93NW PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

RR66a follows route of modern road along N shore of lake (5) Modern road on or near line of R road (course of) (1)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978 1957

5 Margary I D

PRN: 17610 NGR: SH95563771 OSMAP: SH93NE PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

Hollow ways (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17611 NGR: SH96423816 OSMAP: SH93NE PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

PRN: 17612 NGR: SH96693877 OSMAP: SH93NE PART OF (PRN): 3850

DESCRIPTION

Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17613 NGR: SH97163934 OSMAP: SH93NE PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

? Quarry owner confirms former existence of road, now robbed of stone (1)

NOTES: GAT copy of OS linear incomplete.

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17614 NGR: SH98083967 OSMAP: SH93NE PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

...an older terrace ...appears again above the road on the north side (5) Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17615 NGR: SH98513991 OSMAP: SH94SE PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

...an older terrace ...appears again above the road on the north side and this is the old course to Samau (5) Extant (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files 5 Margary I D

1978

PRN: 17616 NGR: SJ01094206 OSMAP: SJ04SW PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

...then an older road climbing to higher ground, on the north side of the valley as a terrace road follows the course for several miles [between Glan yr Afon and Bethel] (5)

NOTES: GAT copy of OS linear incomplete. Irvine traces a different route across the moor to the N of Caer Euni. This needs to be entered and maps consulted.

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D

1957

PRN: 17617 NGR: SJ02634254 OSMAP: SJ04SW PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

Beyond Druid the present road may mark it to Glan yr Afon (5)

NOTES: GAT copy of OS linear incomplete.

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

5 Margary I D

PRN: 17618 NGR: SH88963253 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

A ford ...lies in line with the last known section of the road...no indications of any continuation (23)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

23 Jones G D B

1959

PRN: 17619 NGR: SH90213341 OSMAP: SH93SW PART OF (PRN): 3850 DESCRIPTION

Short stretch of terrace 3.5m wide above modern road. Prob modern track (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

ROAD RR642 CAER GAI TO CAERSWS

PRN: 17792 NGR: SH87873134 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 17803

DESCRIPTION

Road visible as crop mark on Cambridge University collection CB13 (20)

NOTES:

FORM: C CONDITION: 5

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: C

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D

2003

PRN: 17793 NGR: SH88283079 OSMAP: SH83SE PART OF (PRN): 17803

DESCRIPTION

Projected line across the valley (3)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

3 Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17794 NGR: SH83793263 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 17803 DESCRIPTION

Projected line from 'heavily ploughed out causeway' at Felindre (35) to extant road PRN 17794 at top of hill.

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: F

REFERENCES:

35 Putnam W and Toller H

2001

35 Putnam W and Toller H

2001

PRN: 17795 NGR: SH89282925 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 17803
DESCRIPTION

Magnificently preserved section of road....in minimally ploughed moorland...over 40 individual quarry pits recorded (35 and 36)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3 Hopewell D 35 Putnam W and Toller H 2004 2001

35 Putnam W and Toller H
36 Jones B Putnam W and Toller H

1998

PRN: 17796 NGR: SH89432894 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 17803 DESCRIPTION

The road changes direction at [Boncyn Crwn] cairn.....cairn used as a quarry, and the road is here edged with quartz from the cairn (35)

Road runs slightly down hill but across the countour..initially well preserved with inner ditch but becomes a less well-defined, as a terrace, lower down the slope (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D

2004

35 Putnam W and Toller H

2001

PRN: 17797 NGR: SH89582868 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 17803
DESCRIPTION

One section includes two versions of terrace where soil slip has occurred (36) Road visible as a rounded 4m wide terrace with a realignment at the NW (3)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D 36 Jones B Putnam W and Toller H 2004 1998

PRN: 17798 NGR: SH89922825 OSMAP: SH82NE PART OF (PRN): 17803 DESCRIPTION

Road follows a more recent track and is poorly preserved in parts. It crosses the river via a zig zag to the N of Bryn-melyn (3) and (35)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3 Hopewell D 35 Putnam W and Toller H 2004

2001

PRN: 17799 NGR: SH90442756 OSMAP: SH92NW PART OF (PRN): 17803 DESCRIPTION

South east of Bryn Melyn the road has been much altered by agricultural use but can be seen running into forestry plantation

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 3

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

3Hopewell D

2004

36 Jones B Putnam W and Toller H 1998

PRN: 17800 NGR: SH91322677 OSMAP: SH92NW PART OF (PRN): 17803 DESCRIPTION

On the southern side of the plantation...road running above a disused agricultural track as terrace with quarry pits as the road heads for Bwlch-y-Pawl. Large stone partly dressed and foreign to the area...may be a Roman milestone. Road located by AP along northern side of Afon Eiddew..quarry pits on upside of the route (35 and 36)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

35 Putnam W and Toller H

2001

36 Jones B Putnam W and Toller H

ROAD RRX61 LLANFOR - FORDEN GAER

PRN: 17760 NGR: SH93703627 OSMAP: SH93NW PART OF (PRN): 17768 DESCRIPTION

Road and vicus on geophys survey (20)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D

2003

PRN: 17761 NGR: SH93913620 OSMAP: SH93NW PART OF (PRN): 17768

DESCRIPTION

Road and vicus on geophys survey (20)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: K

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D

2003

PRN: 17762 NGR: SH95833533 OSMAP: SH93NW PART OF (PRN): 17768 DESCRIPTION

Course on hillside and across Dee valley uncertain (1)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

1 OS Linear files

1978

PRN: 17763 NGR: SH96193539 OSMAP: SH93SE PART OF (PRN): 17768 DESCRIPTION

Sam: an ancient trackway probably starting from Bala and continuing to the boundary of Llangynog. Found to be in good condition, in places 4ft wide and generally with a bank on one side. Here and there it ran on the face of the rock that had been roughly levelled, but for the most part its course was over dry moorland (8)

Ancient road (from Llangynog) between Miltir Gerrig and Trum y Sarn and on towards Bala, possibly Roman (29)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

8RCAHMW

1921

29 Jones HL 1856

PRN: 17764 NGR: SH96783394 OSMAP: SH93SE PART OF (PRN): 17768 DESCRIPTION

Sam: an ancient trackway probably starting from Bala and continuing to the boundary of Llangynog. Found to be in good condition, in places 4ft wide and generally with a bank on one side. Here and there it ran on the face of the rock that had been roughly levelled, but for the most part its course was over dry moorland (8)

Ancient road (from Llangynog) between Miltir Gerrig and Trum y Sarn and on towards Bala, possibly Roman

Hollow-way 2m wide, alternating with a terrace 2.5m wide at W, big stones at stream crossing at SH96723416. Hollow way curves around shoulder of hill to Bwlch y Fenni (1)

Hollow ways and terraces max 3m wide nothing convincingly Roman (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

I OS Linear files 8RCAHMW

29 Jones H L 38 Hopewell D 1921 1856 2004

PRN: 17765 NGR: SH97483273 OSMAP: SH93SE PART OF (PRN): 17768 DESCRIPTION

Sam: an ancient trackway probably starting from Bala and continuing to the boundary of Llangynog. Found to be in good condition, in places 4ft wide and generally with a bank on one side. Here and there it ran on the face of the rock that had been roughly levelled, but for the most part its course was over dry moorland (8)

Ancient road (from Llangynog) between Miltir Gerrig and Trum y Sarn and on towards Bala, possibly Roman

Well graded terrace way crossing shoulder of hill (1)

Terrace max 3m follows the contour. Nothing convincingly Roman (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E	CONDITION: 2	STATUS: PP	SURVIVAL; E
REFERENCE	S:		
1 OS Linear files		1978	
8RCAHMW		1921	
29 Jones H L		1856	
38 Hopewell D		2004	

PRN: 17766 NGR: SH98203209 OSMAP: SH93SE PART OF (PRN): 17768 DESCRIPTION

Sam: an ancient trackway probably starting from Bala and continuing to the boundary of Llangynog. Found to be in good condition, in places 4ft wide and generally with a bank on one side. Here and there it ran on the face of the rock that had been roughly levelled, but for the most part its course was over dry moorland (8)

Ancient road (from Llangynog) between Miltir Gerrig and Trum y Sarn and on towards Bala, possibly Roman

Hollow-way, max 2m wide alternates with terrace way max 3.0m wide. Hollow way becomes sinuous and overgrown at the E

NOTES:

FORM: E	CONDITION: 2	STATUS: P	SURVIVAL: E
REFERENCES:			
1 OS Linear files		1978	
8RCAHMW		1921	
29 Jones H L		1856	
38 Hopewell D		2004	

PRN: 17767 NGR: SH99313115 OSMAP: SH93SE PART OF (PRN): 17768 DESCRIPTION

Sam: an ancient trackway probably starting from Bala and continuing to the boundary of Llangynog. Found to be in good condition, in places 4ft wide and generally with a bank on one side. Here and there it ran on the face of the rock that had been roughly levelled, but for the most part its course was over dry moorland (8)

Ancient road (from Llangynog) between Miltir Gerrig and Trum y Sarn and on towards Bala, possibly Roman

Course uncertain no feature evidence (1)

NOTES:

FORM: E	CONDITION: 2	STATUS: P	SURVIVAL: E
REFERENCE	S:		
1 OS Linear files		1978	
8RCAHMW		1921	
29 Jones H L		1856	

ROAD RRX 73 BRITHDIR - LONG MOUNTAIN

PRN: 17791 NGR: SH85821458 OSMAP: SH81SE PART OF (PRN): 17803 DESCRIPTION

Route suggested by Putnam (32) connecting Lydham Fort, Forden Gaer, Bryn Penarth and Dogellau, following modern roads nearly all the way. Suggestion reasonable, evidence very tenuous (OS linear comments (1))

Also part suggested by Crew and Musson (2) Caer Tyddyn, Bwlch Oerddrws, Dyfi valley, Caersws. Course decribed in Britannia by Rigg and Toller to Long Mountain (31)
Reviewed by Browne (33), Gwynedd portion described as pure speculation.

Retraction published by Toller (34) concentrating mainly on tumpikes along the W part of the route ie not Gwynedd.

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FORM: D	CONDITION: 5	STATUS: P	SURVIVAL: F
REFERENCES:			
1 OS Linear files		1978	
2Crew and Musson		1996	
32 Putnam W		1970	
33 Browne D		1986	
34 Toller H		1997	

ROAD RR69C PENNAL TO TRAWSCOED

PRN: 17774 NGR: SN69669935 OSMAP: SN69NE PART OF (PRN): 3847 DESCRIPTION

Antiquarian records (Fenton and a letter by M Jones 1693) record a broad paved way to the river, either going straight for 200yds or leading to a crossing opposite Garreg. Fenton could not trace it. The road leading from Cefn Caer farm track could be the way, it is metalled but buried (20)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D

2003

PRN: 17775 NGR: SH70370000 OSMAP: SH70SW PART OF (PRN): 3847

DESCRIPTION

Probable road to NW on gradiometer survey (20)

NOTES:

FORM: B

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: PP

SURVIVAL: B

REFERENCES:

20 Hopewell D

ROAD RRN54 CAER LLUGWY TO BANGOR

PRN: 17819 NGR: SH66976041 OSMAP: SH67NE PART OF (PRN):

DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Proposed road along Nant Ffrancon to Bangor (37).

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

RRN55 CAER LLUGWY TO RUG

PRN: 17820 NGR: SH79355650 OSMAP: SH75NE PART OF (PRN):

DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Follows RRN53 then a different alignment west of Betws y Coed.(37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

RRN56 SEGONTIUM TO NEFYN

PRN: 17815 NGR: SH35774463 OSMAP: SH34SE PART OF (PRN): 17823
DESCRIPTION

The 'narrow green terrace' described by Waddelove (37) is about 2m wide and rather meandering. There are stone built culverts in places but it lacks any Roman features. (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E 38 Hopewell D 1999 2004

Topeweil D 200

PRN: 17816 NGR: SH35524430 OSMAP: SH34SE PART OF (PRN): 17823
DESCRIPTION

The lower track traced by Waddelove (37) that crosses a stream and shows 'indications of a made up crossing with stone abutments (Plate XI)' is nothing more than a 1m wide sheep-track and the abutments are merely paces where the track has croded down to the stony subsoil. (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 2

STATUS: D

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

1999

38 Hopewell D

2004

PRN: 17823 NGR: SH42735142 OSMAP: SH45SW PART OF (PRN):

DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Road largely along Pilgrim's way towards Bardsey.(37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

RRN57 DOLGELLAU TO HARLECH TO PORTMADOG

PRN: 17825 NGR: SH58902650 OSMAP: SH52NE PART OF (PRN):

DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Newly proposed road giving access to coast and area centred on Harlech. (37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

RRN58 TOMEN Y MUR TO DOLGELLAU

PRN: 17826 NGR: SH71502936 OSMAP: SH72NW PART OF (PRN):

DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Route running to W of and ignoring Pen y Stryd. Pre-supposes a fort at

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

RRN59 SEGONTIUM TO BANGOR

PRN: 17829 NGR: SH53906689 OSMAP: SH56NW PART OF (PRN):

DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of Waddelove's route. Route assumes a fort at Bangor and ignores milestone (not in situ). (37)

NOTES: Requires further field assessment.

FORM: D

CONDITION:

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL:

REFERENCES:

37 Waddelove E

RRN60 ANGLESEY NORTH-EAST ROUTE

PRN: 17836 NGR: SH40418205 OSMAP: SH48SW PART OF (PRN): 17844 DESCRIPTION

An ancient paved road, Lon-y-Bwbach, leading from Llanddyfnan Church to Plas Llanddyfyan was recorded by Longueville Jones (1859). It was suggested that this formed part of a Roman road crossing from Beaumaris to Holyhead (42) A series of 5m or more wide probable early roads, between hedge banks traced by Talwrn Archaeology Group. Roman origin yet to be proven (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

38 Hopewell D

2004

42 Longueville Jones H

1855

PRN: 17837 NGR: SH43398140 OSMAP: SH48SW PART OF (PRN): 17844 DESCRIPTION

An ancient paved road, Lon-y-Bwbach, leading from Llanddyfnan Church to Plas Llanddyfvan was recorded by Longueville Jones (1859). It was suggested that this formed part of a Roman road crossing from Beaumaris to Holyhead (42) A series of 5m or more wide probable early roads, between hedge banks traced by Talwrn Archaeology Group. Roman origin yet to be proven (38)

NOTES:

FORM: F

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

38 Hopewell D

2004

42 Longueville Jones H

1855

PRN: 17838 NGR: SH46308005 OSMAP: SH48SW PART OF (PRN): 17844 DESCRIPTION

An ancient paved road, Lon-y-Bwbach, leading from Llanddyfnan Church to Plas Llanddyfyan was recorded by Longueville Jones (1859). It was suggested that this formed part of a Roman road crossing from Beaumaris to Holyhead (42) A series of 5m or more wide probable early roads, between hedge banks traced by Talwm Archaeology Group. Roman origin yet to be proven (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

38 Hopewell D

2004

42 Longueville Jones H

1855

PRN: 17839 NGR: SH49457863 OSMAP: SH47NE PART OF (PRN): 17844 DESCRIPTION

An ancient paved road, Lon-y-Bwbach, leading from Llanddyfnan Church to Plas Llanddyfyan was recorded by Longueville Jones (1859). It was suggested that this formed part of a Roman road crossing from Beaumaris to Holyhead (42) A series of 5m or more wide probable early roads, between hedge banks traced by Talwrn Archaeology Group. Metalling, probably a later phase, 2m wide. Roman origin yet to be proven (38)

NOTES:

FORM: E

CONDITION: 1

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: E

REFERENCES:

38 Hopewell D 42 Longueville Jones H 2004

RRN61 ANGLESEY WEST ROUTE, TAL Y FOEL - HOLYHEAD

PRN: 17843 NGR: SH40387341 OSMAP: SH47SW PART OF (PRN): DESCRIPTION

Outline transcription of a road proposed by W. Wyn Williams Junr in 1861. The route in its entirety makes only limited sense but it appears that he has recognised some early roads that could be of significance. Tally Foel seems to be a possible crossing point from Segontium. The large detour around Malltraeth marsh appears to be excessive and there is no particular reason for a road to run to Holyhead given that Caer Gybi is probably a naval base and post dates the establishment of the Roman road / fort network in North Wales. (45)

NOTES:

FORM: D

CONDITION: 5

STATUS: P

SURVIVAL: U

REFERENCES:

45 Wyn Williams W jnr

APPENDIX 3: INDEX OF ROMAN ROADS

PRN	SITENAME	MARGARY No
3841	Roman Road : Canovium - Varis	RR67b
3842	Roman Road : Canovium - Segontium	RR67c
3843	Roman Road : Segontium - Tomen y Mur	RR68 (1)
3844	Roman Road : Canovium - Tomen y Mur	RR69a
3845	Roman Road : Tomen y Mur - Brithdir	RR69b (1)
3846	Roman Road : Brithdir - Cefn Caer, Pennal	RR69b (2)
3846	Roman Road : Brithdir - Cefn Caer, Pennal W of Cadair Idris	RRX96
3847	Roman Road : Cefn Caer, Pennal - Trawscoed	RR69c
3848	Roman Road : Tomen y Mur - Caer Gai	RR68 (2)
3849	Roman Road : Caer Gai - Brithdir	RR66b
3850	Roman Road : Caer Gai - Deva	RR66a
3851	Roman Road : Cefn Caer, Pennal - Caersws	RR643/64
3852	Roman Road : Caer Llugwy - Segontium	RRX48
3853	Roman Road : Brithdir - Long Mountain	RRX73
3854	Roman Road : Caer Gai - St. Asaph	-
17553	Roman Road Segontium - Pen Llystyn - Tomen y Mur	RRX95
17768	Roman Road : Forden Gaer - Llanfor	RRX61
17801	Roman Road : Bwlch Oerddrws - Pont Helygog	RRN51
17802	Roman Road : Brithdir Triangles - Brithdir	RRN52
17803	Roman Road : Caersws - Caer Gai	RR642
17805	Roman Road : Caer Llugwy - Betws y Coed	RRN53
17806	Roman Road : Dolwyddelan - Trefriw	RR69aa
17819	Roman Road, Bangor - Bryn-y-Gefeiliau	RRN54
17820	Roman Road, Rhug - Bryn-y-Gefeiliau	RRN55
17823	Roman Road Segontium - Nefyn	RRN56
17825	Roman Road : Dolgellau - Harlech - Porthmadog	RRN57
17826	Roman Road : Tomen y Mur - Dolgellau	RRN58
17829	Roman Road : Segontium To Bangor	RRN59
17843	Roman Road Tal y Foel - Holyhead	RRN60
17844	Anglesey NE Route	RRN61

PRN	Sitename	MARGARY No	PART OF
17415	Part of Roman Road, Tomen y Mur - Caer Gai	RR68	3848
17502	Part of Roman Road, Tomen y Mur - Caer Gai	RR68	3848
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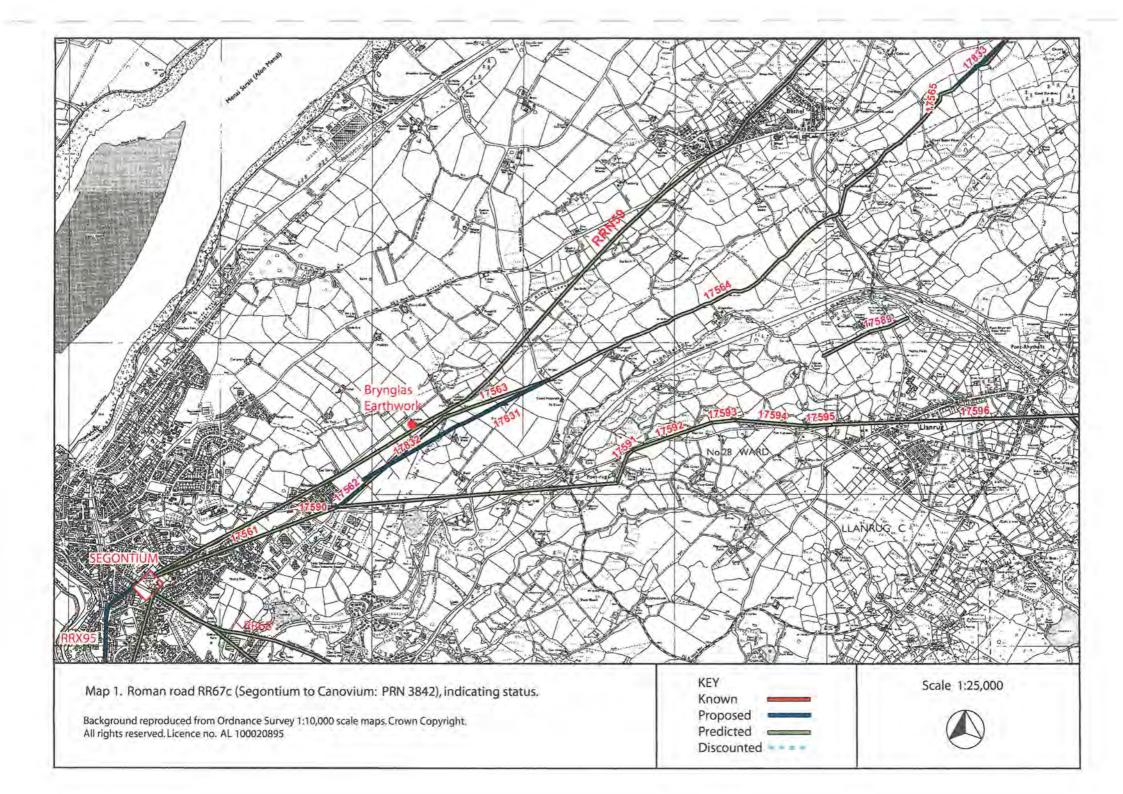
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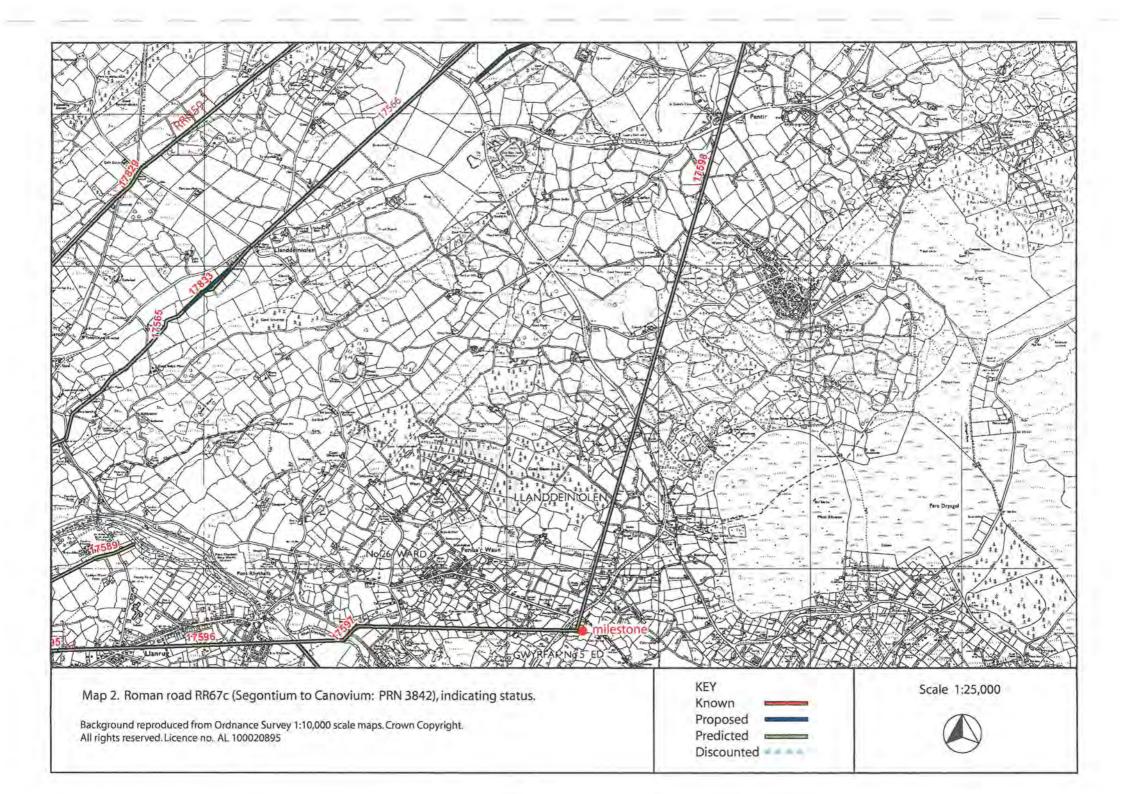
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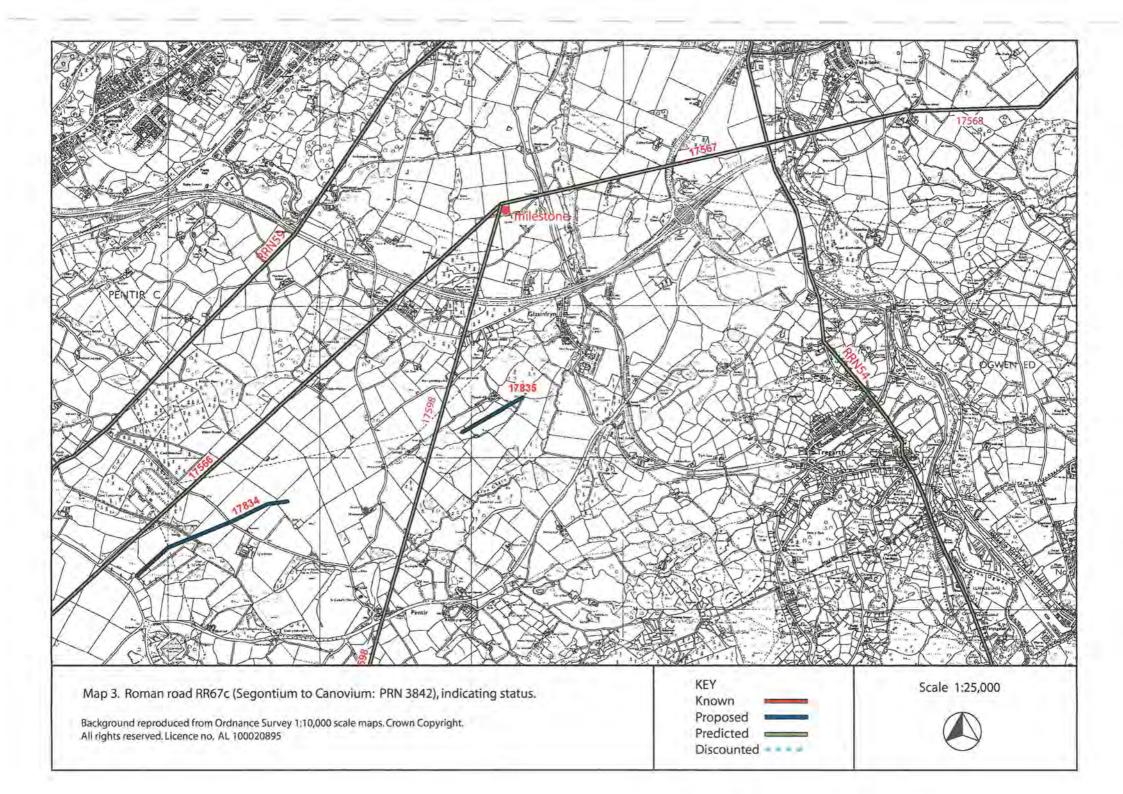
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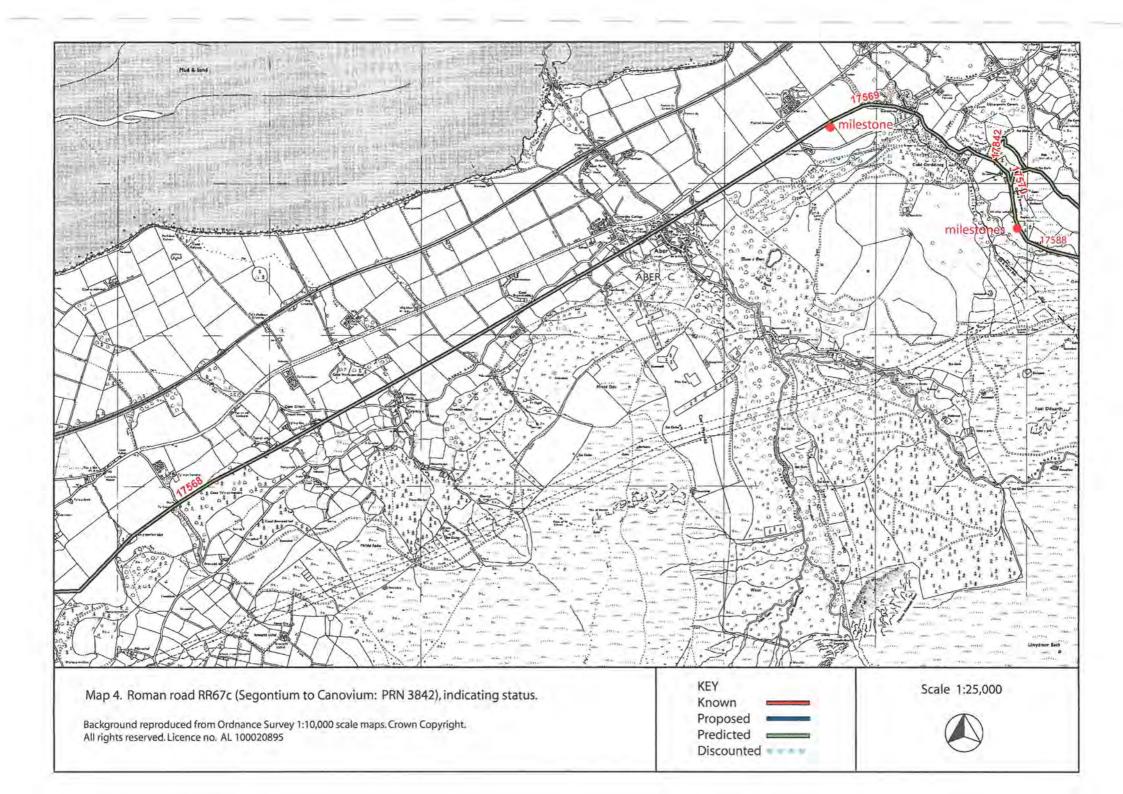
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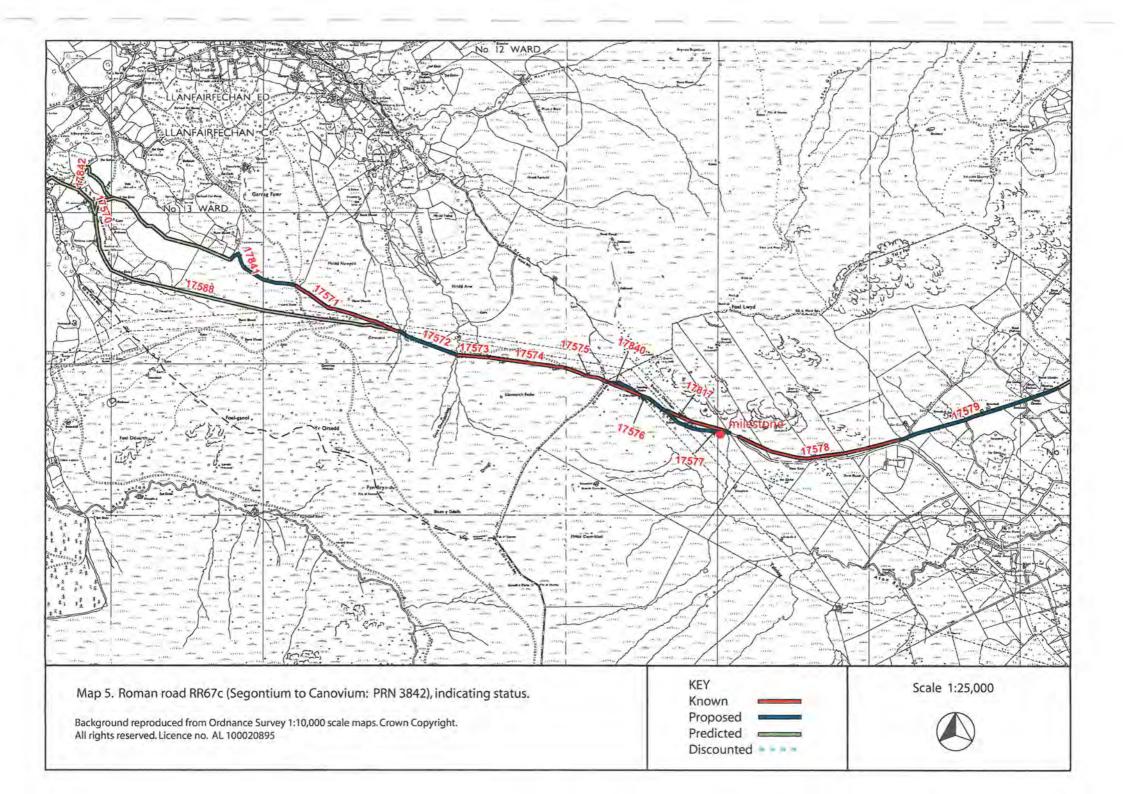
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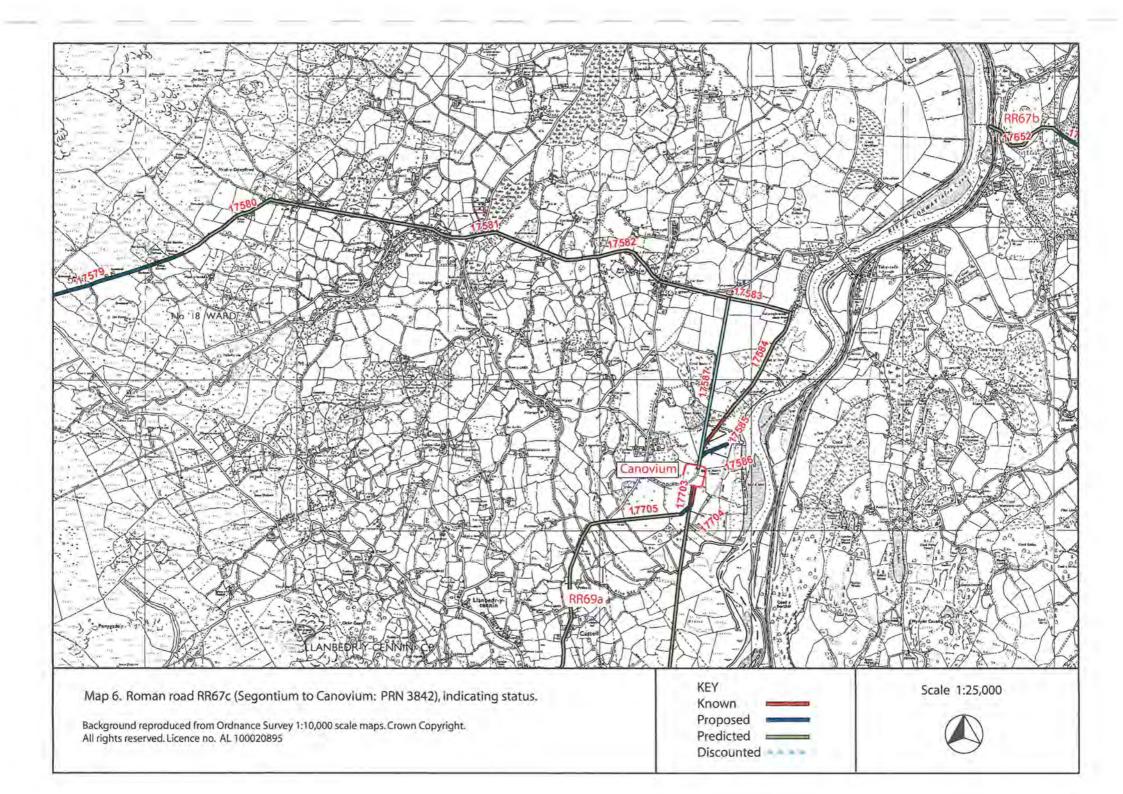




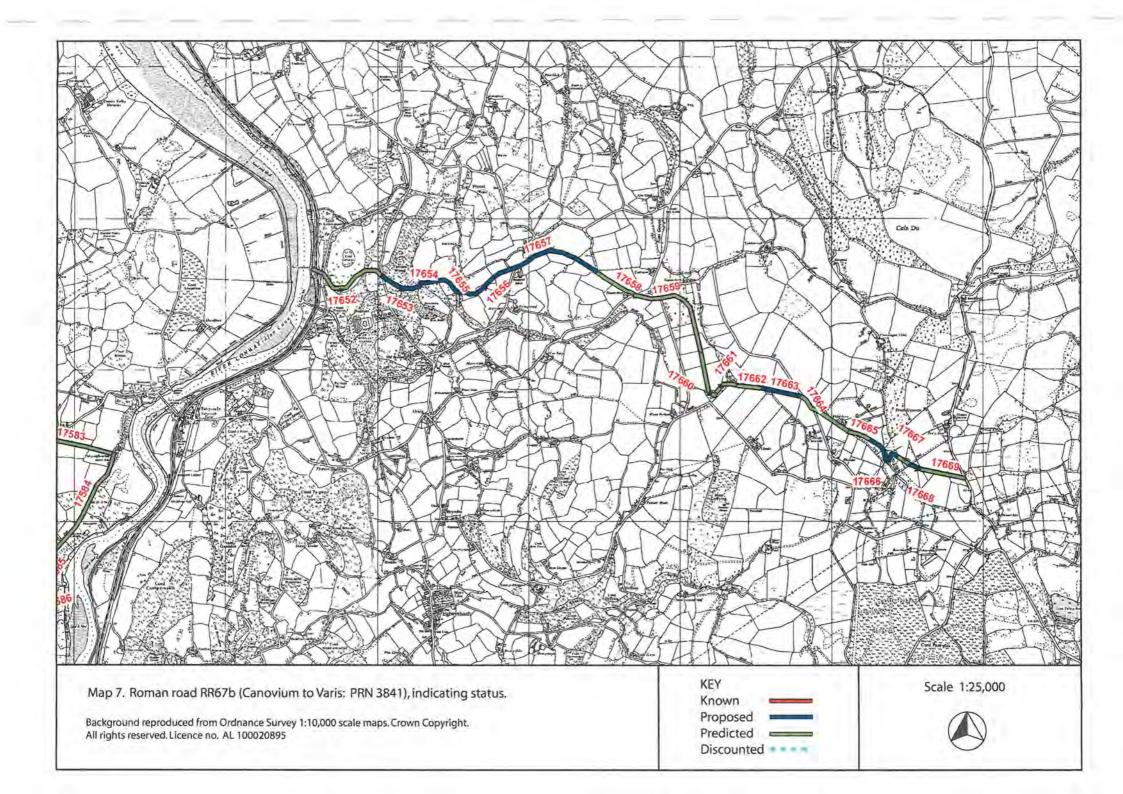








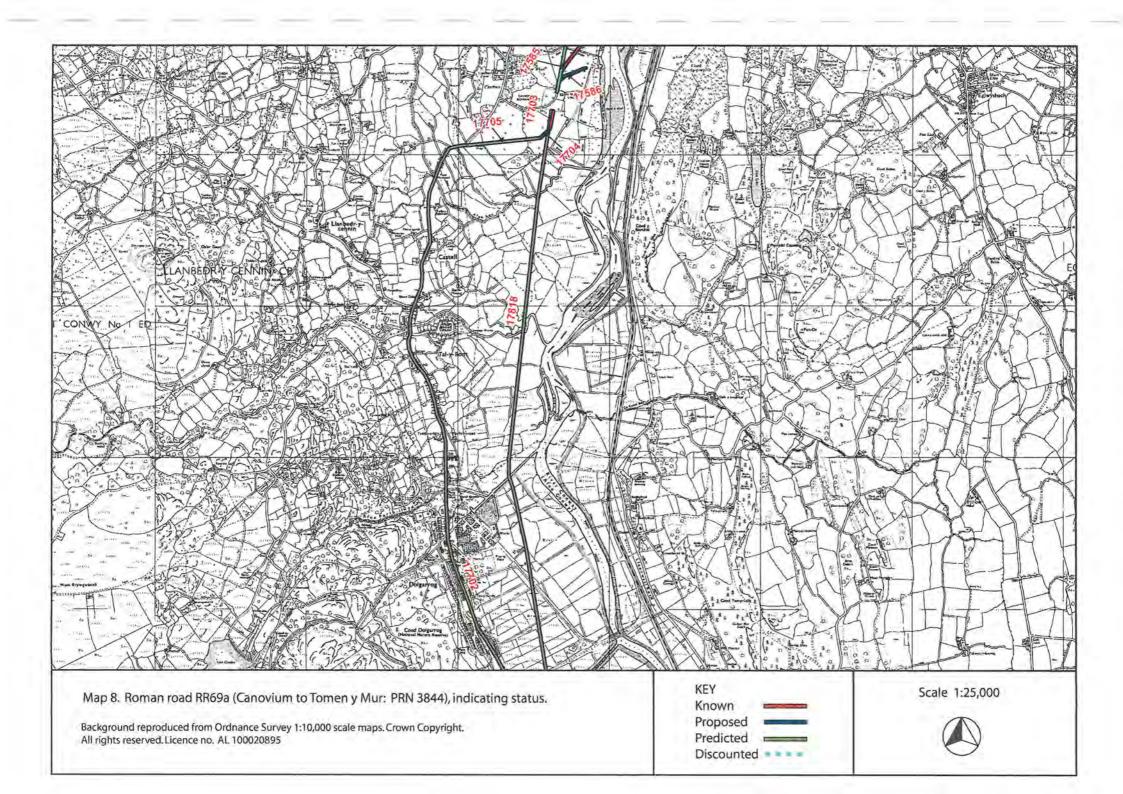
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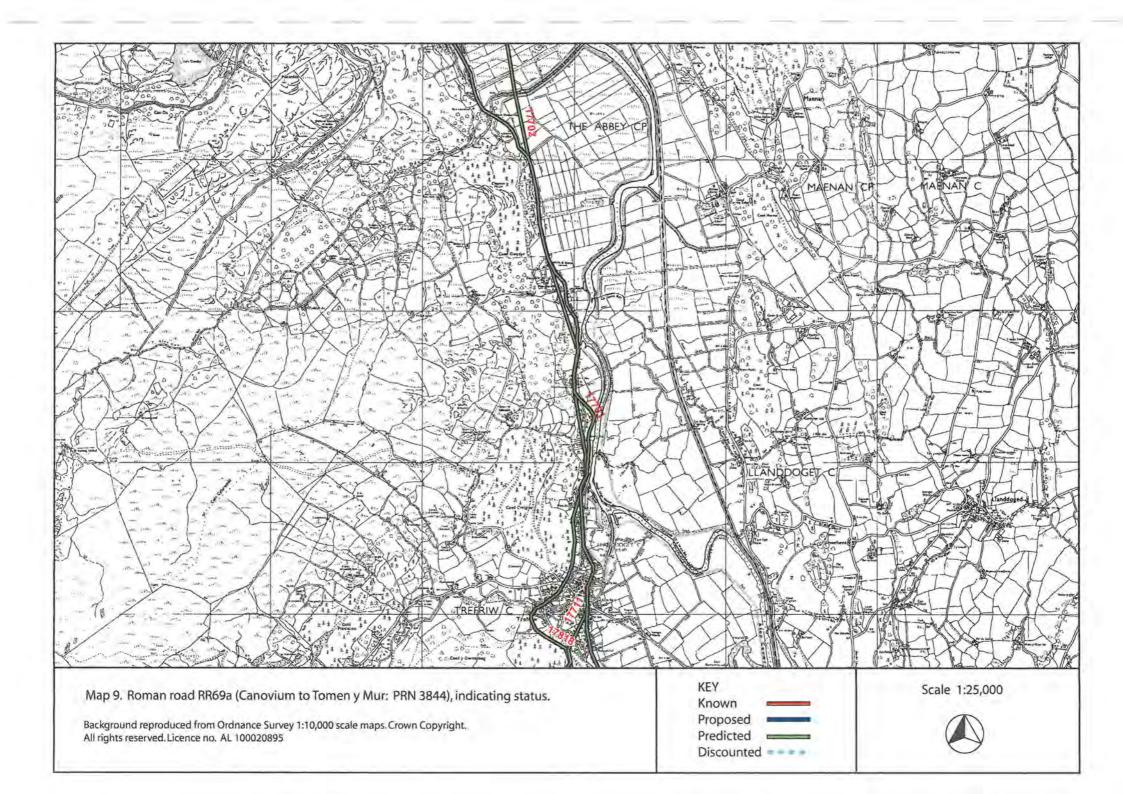


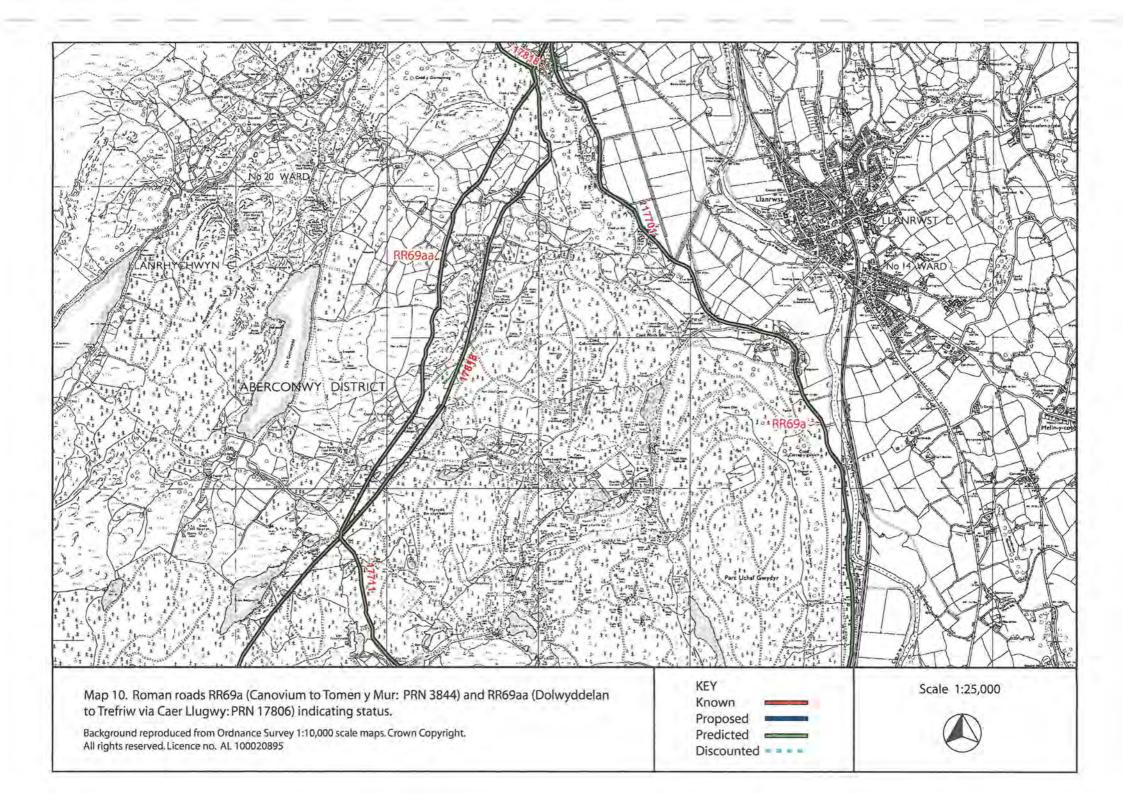
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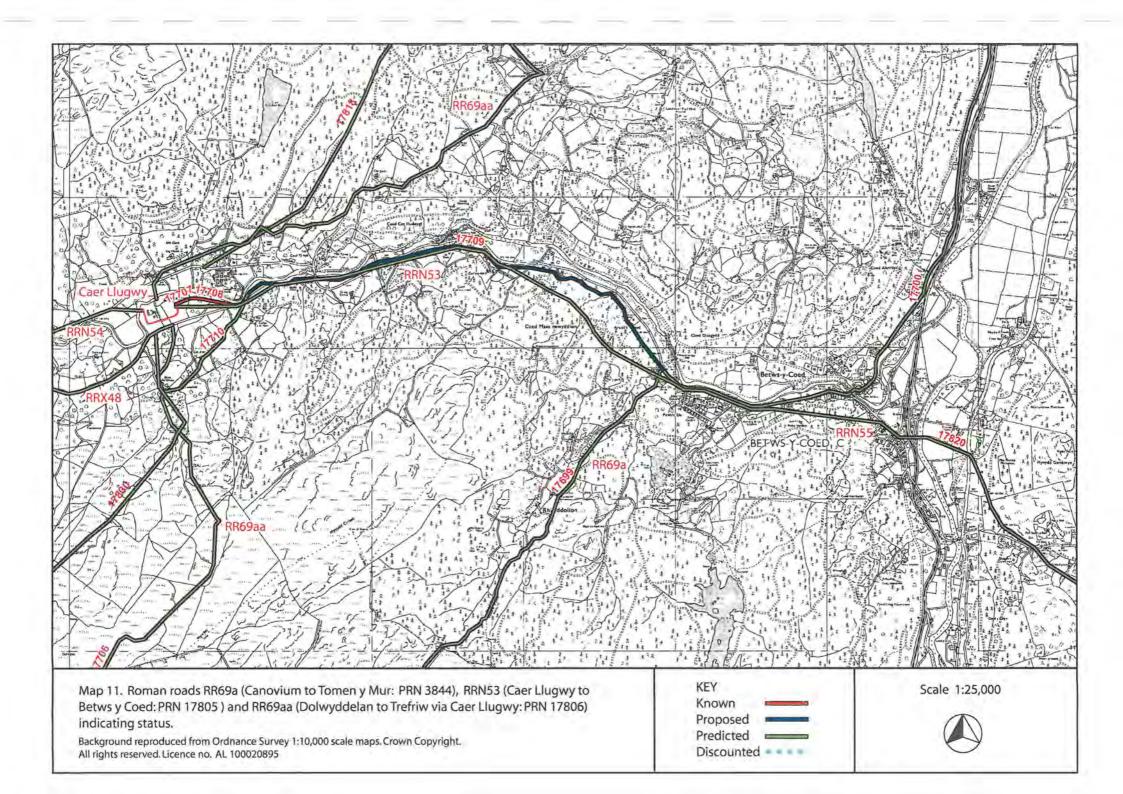
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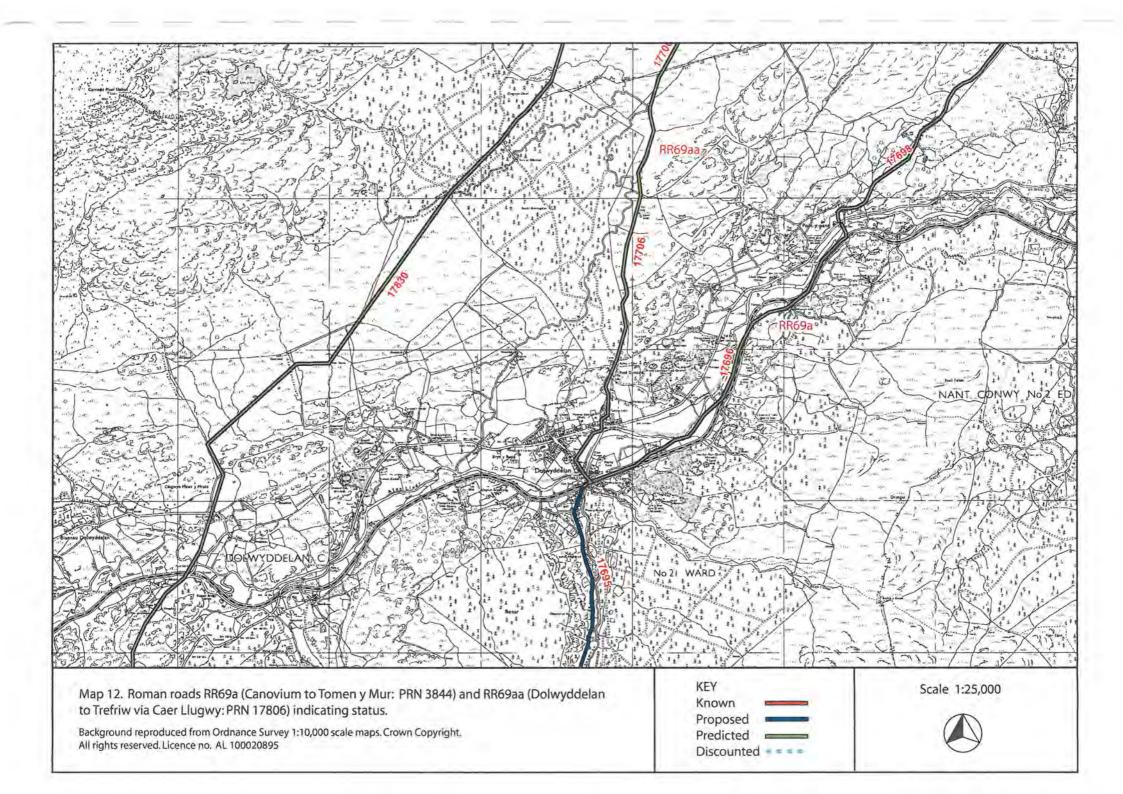
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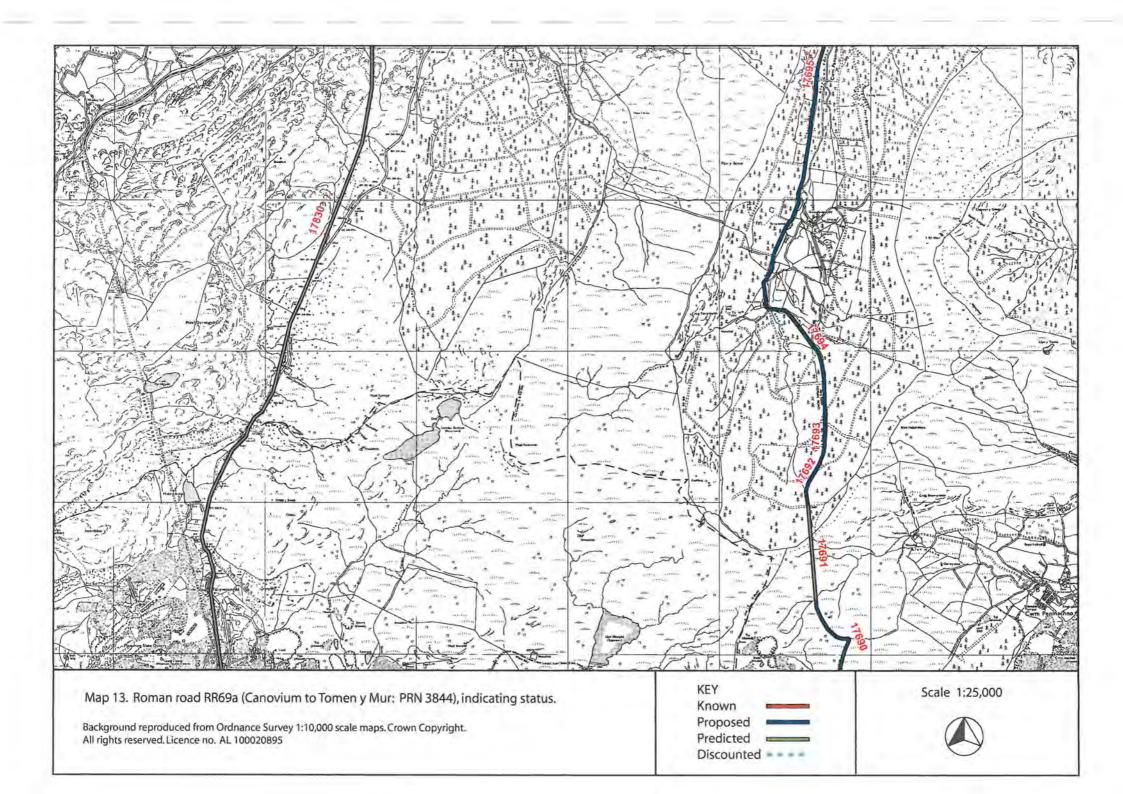


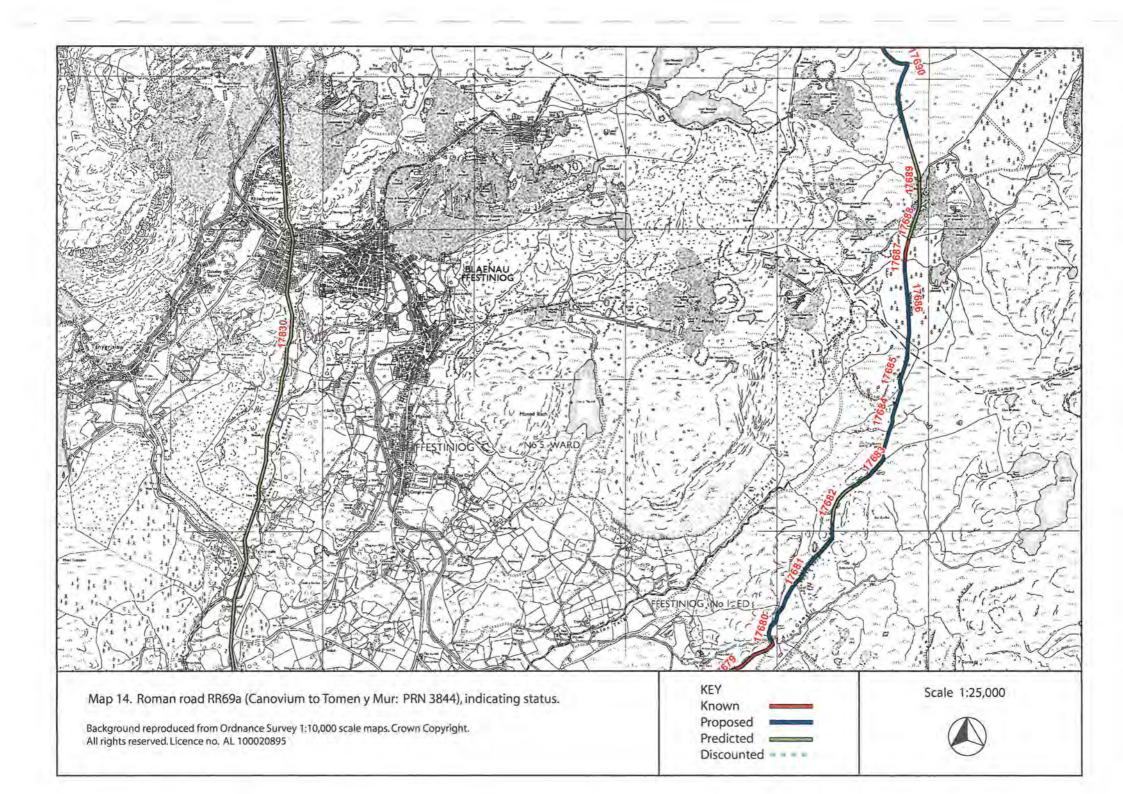


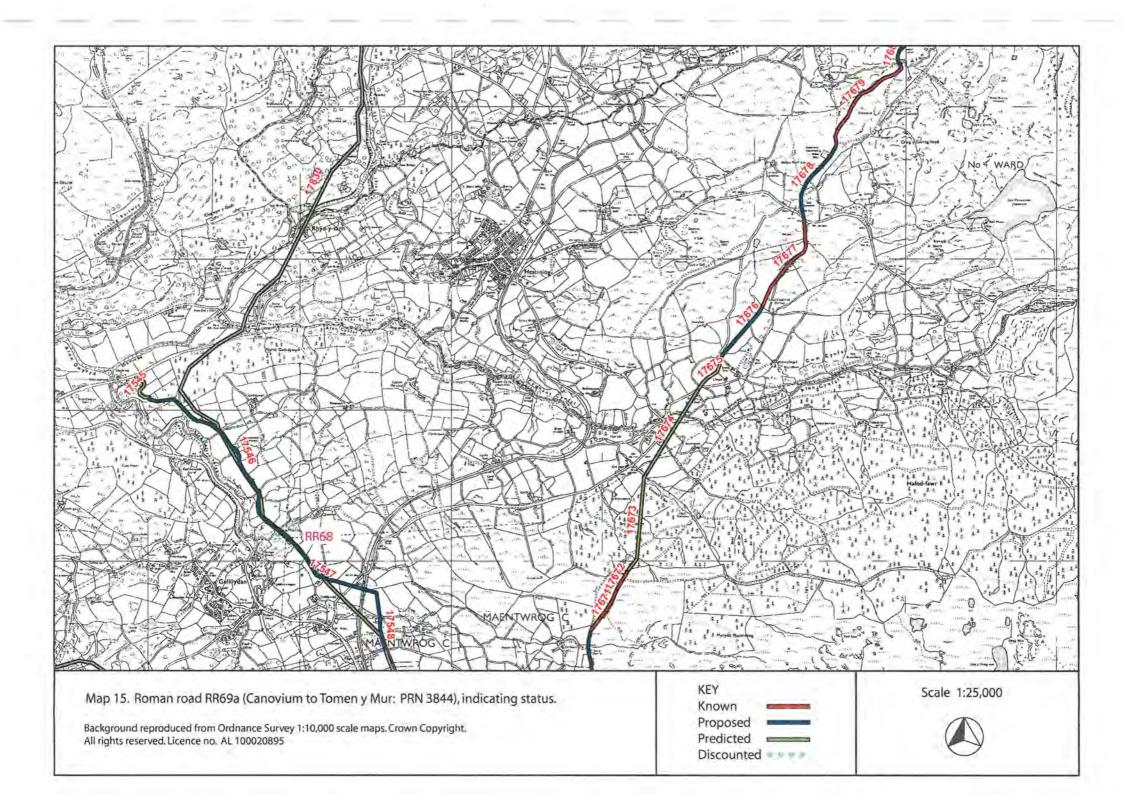


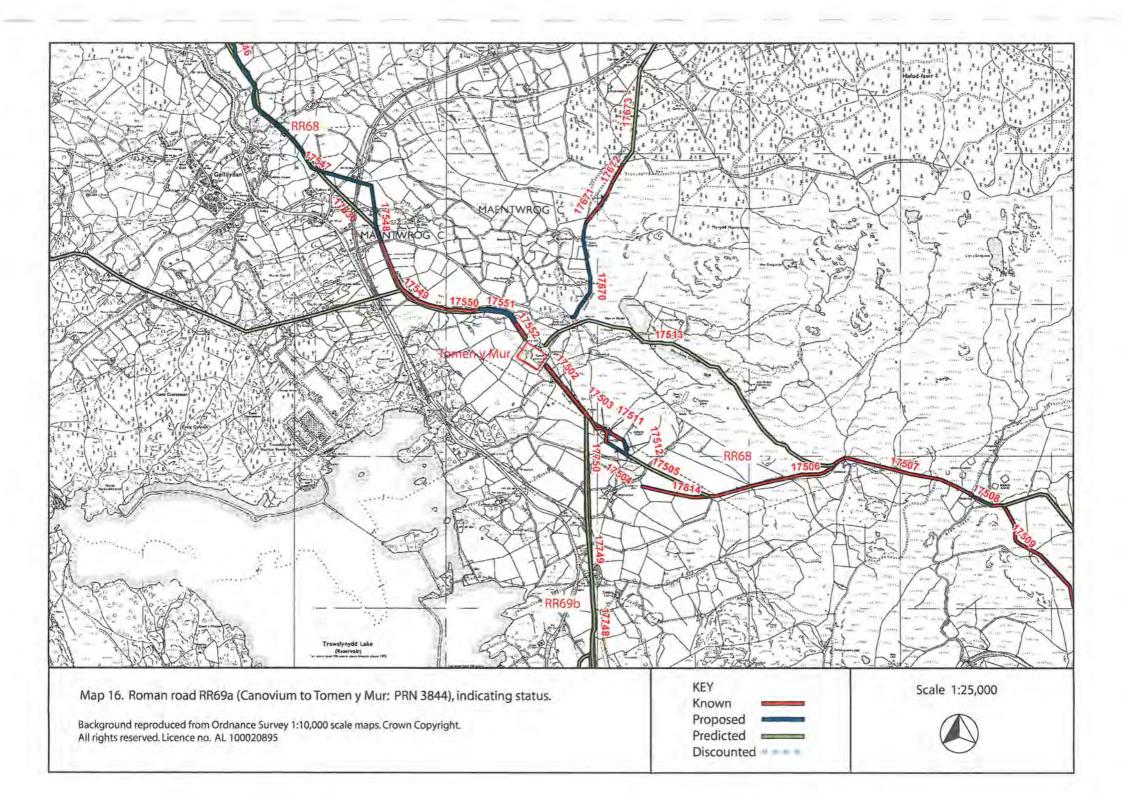




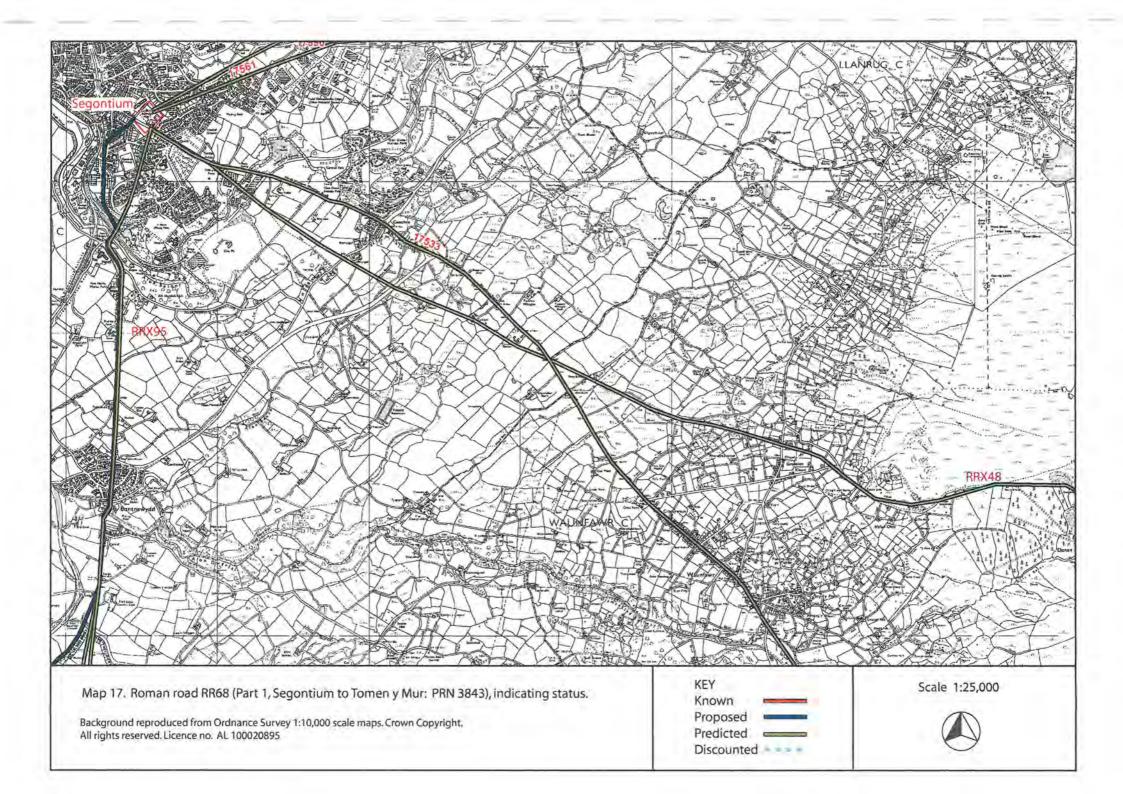


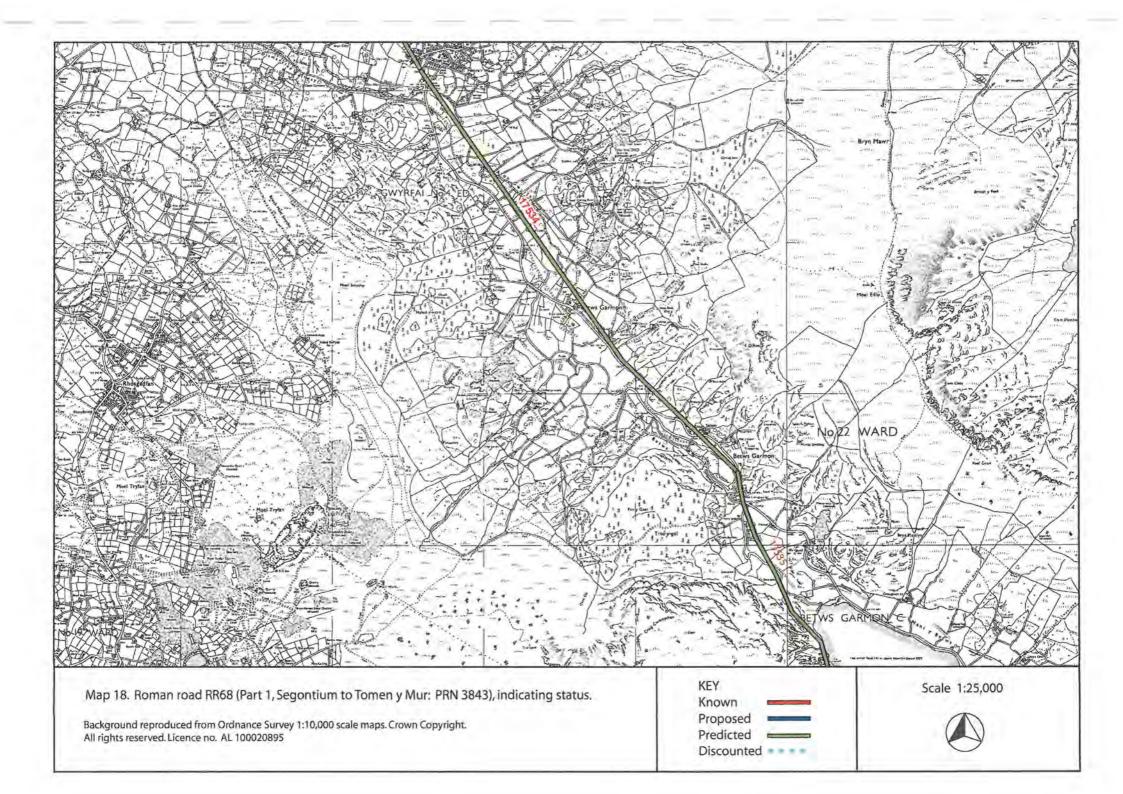


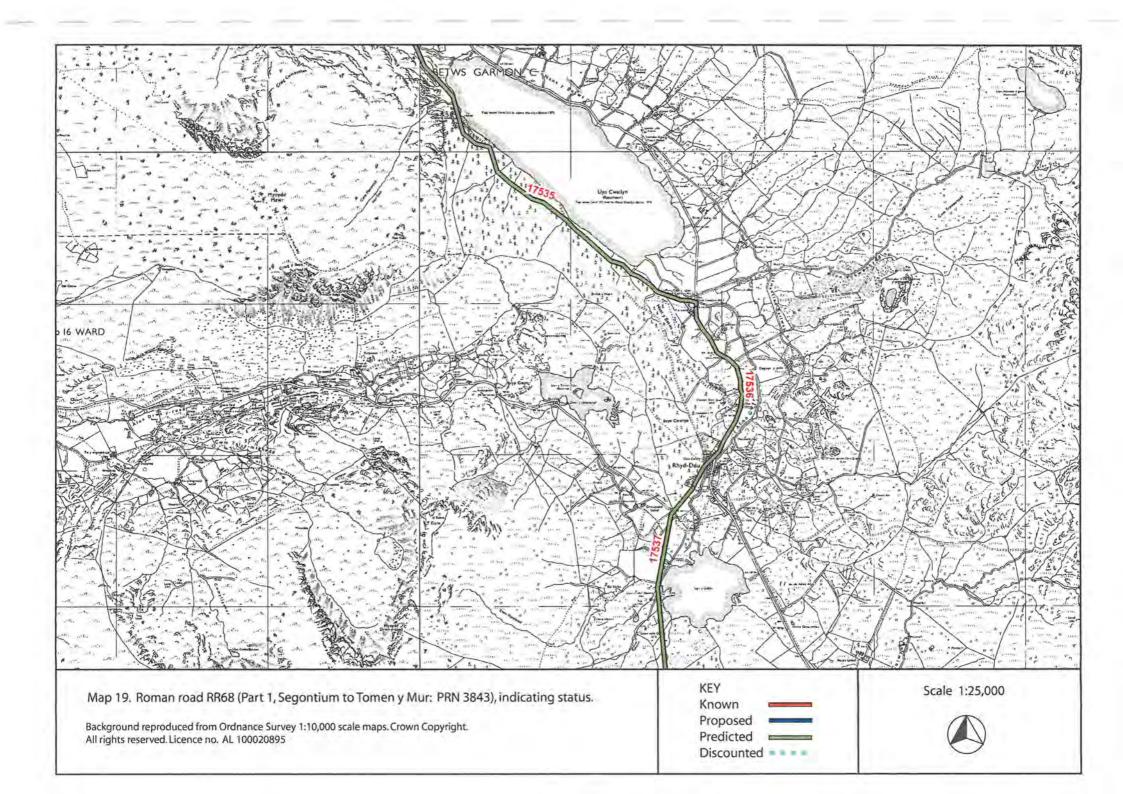


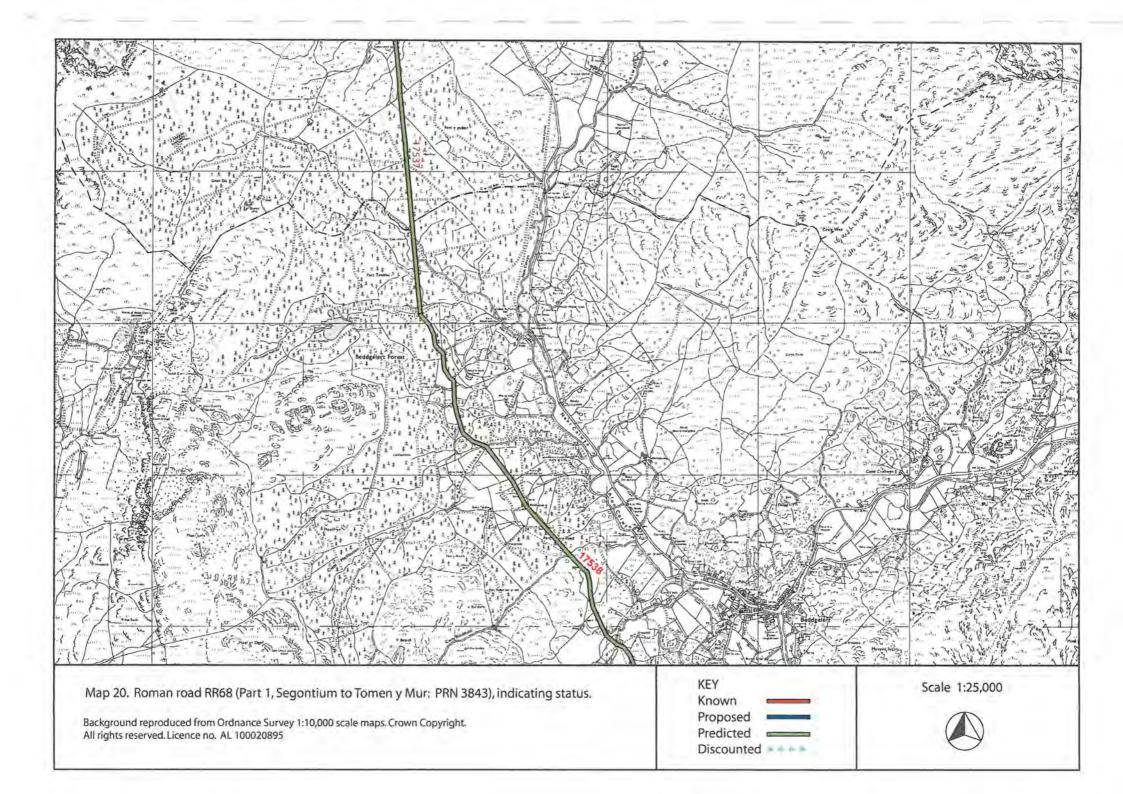


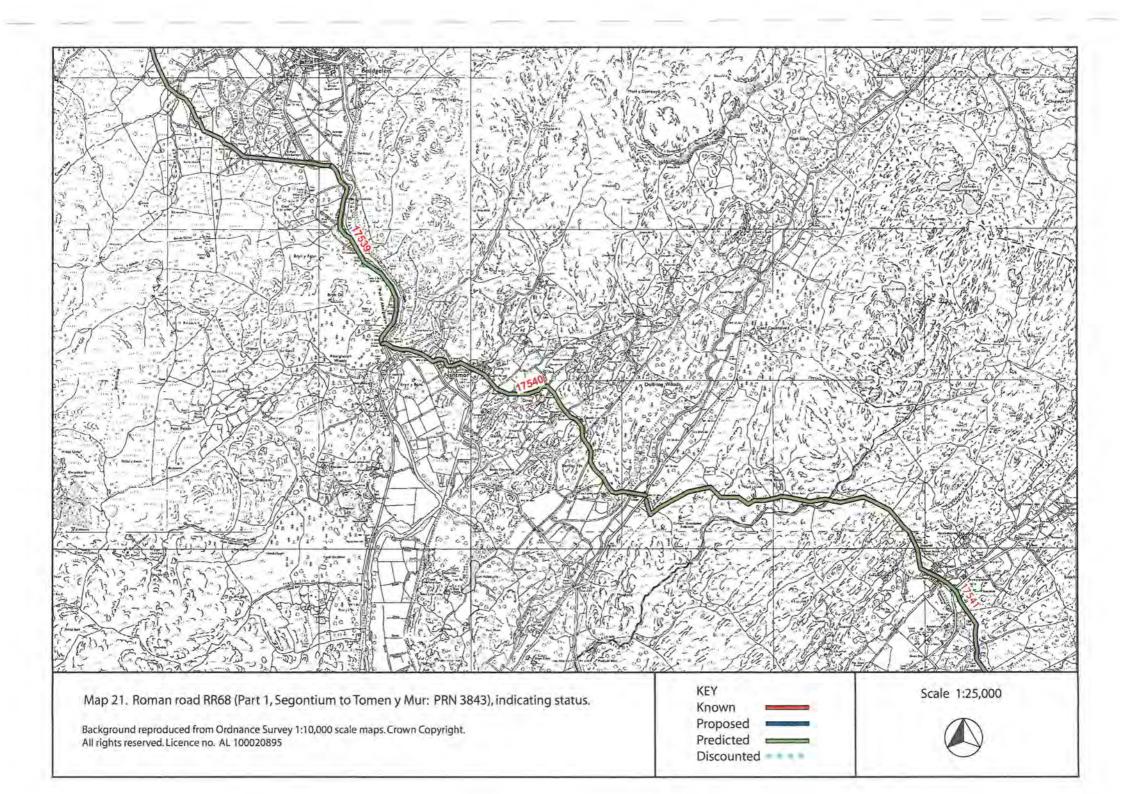
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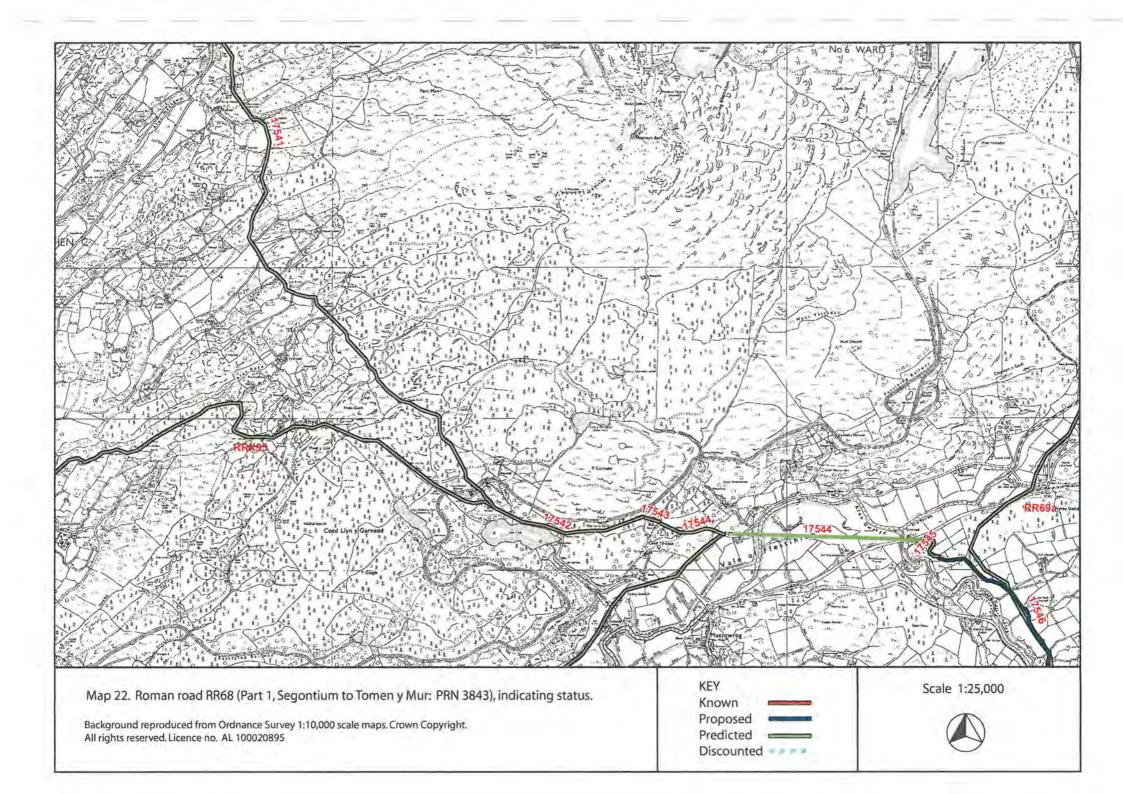


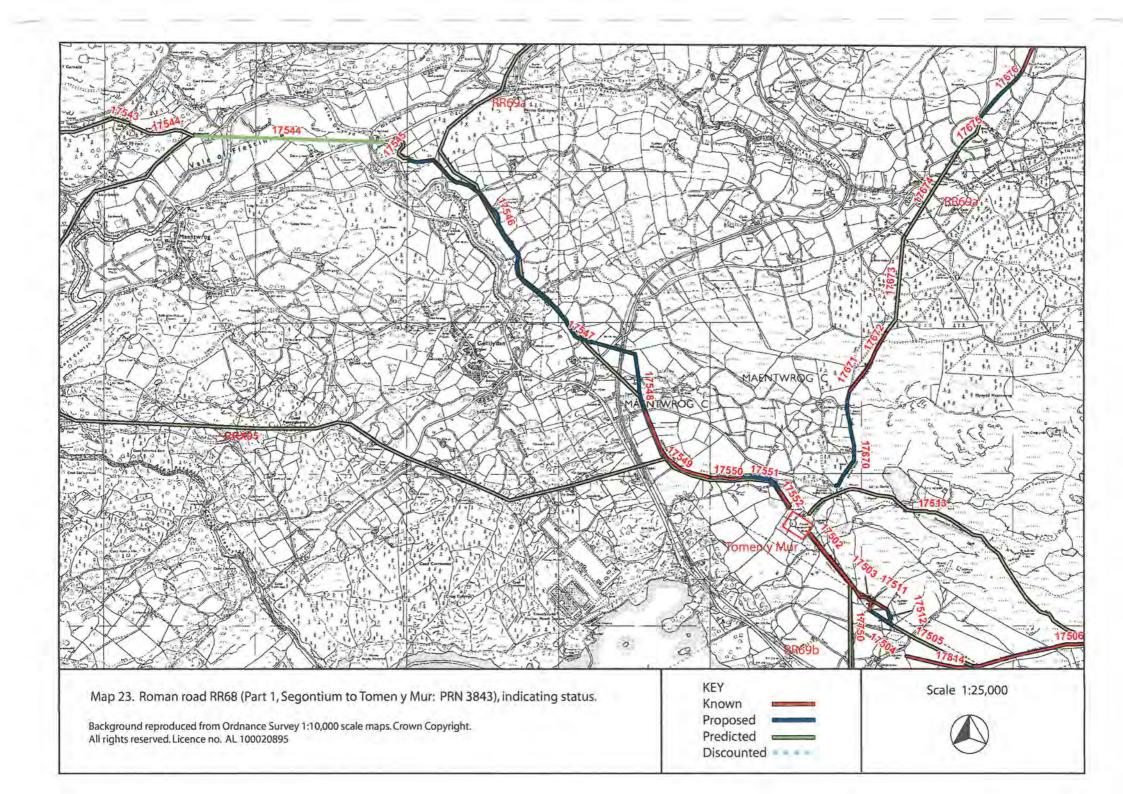




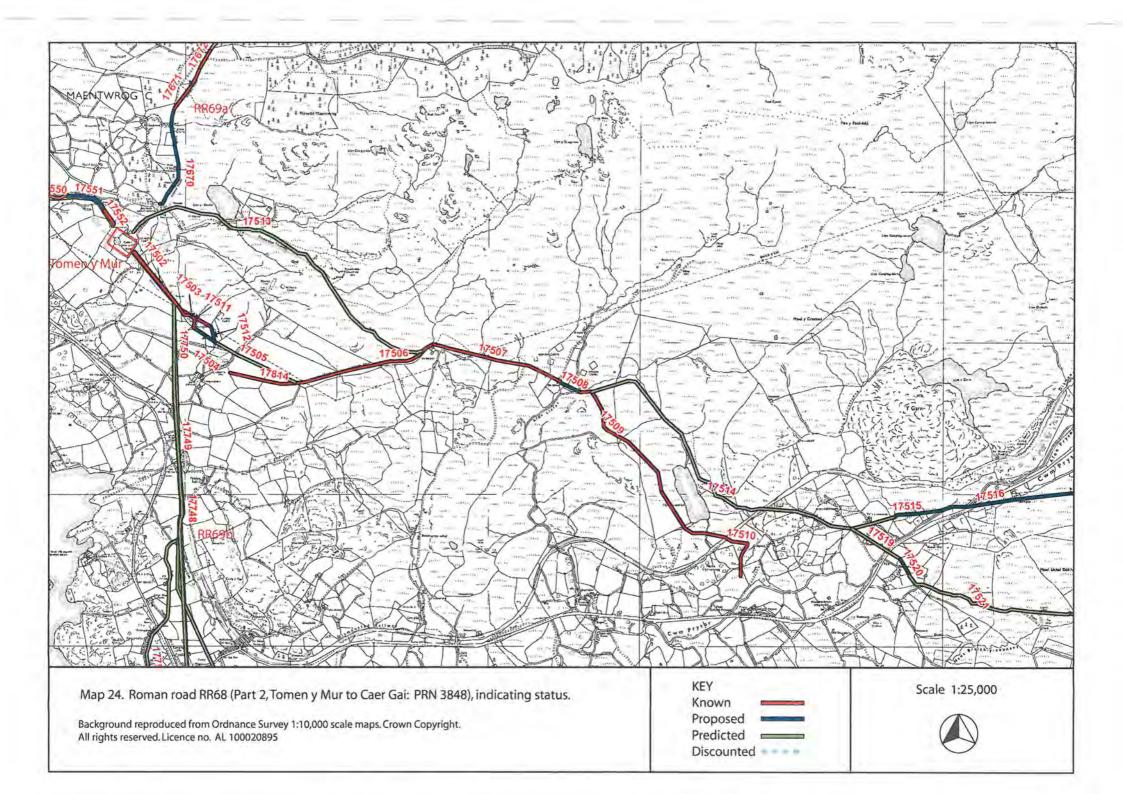


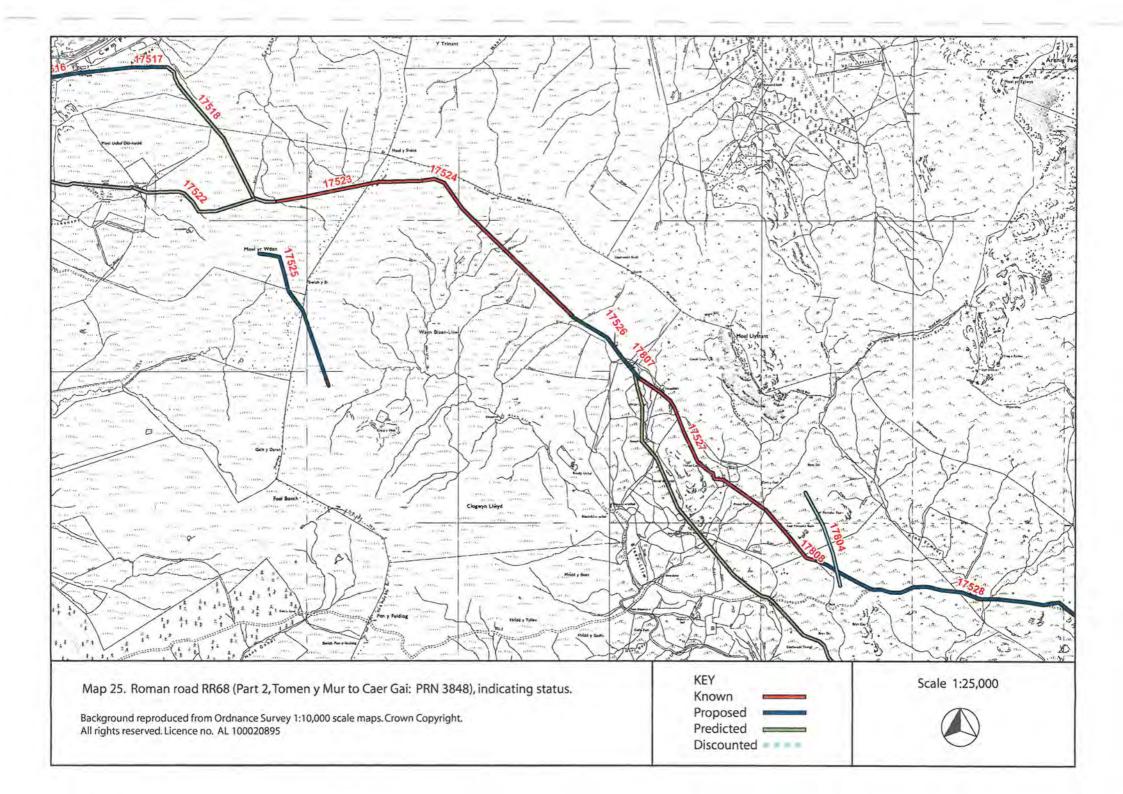


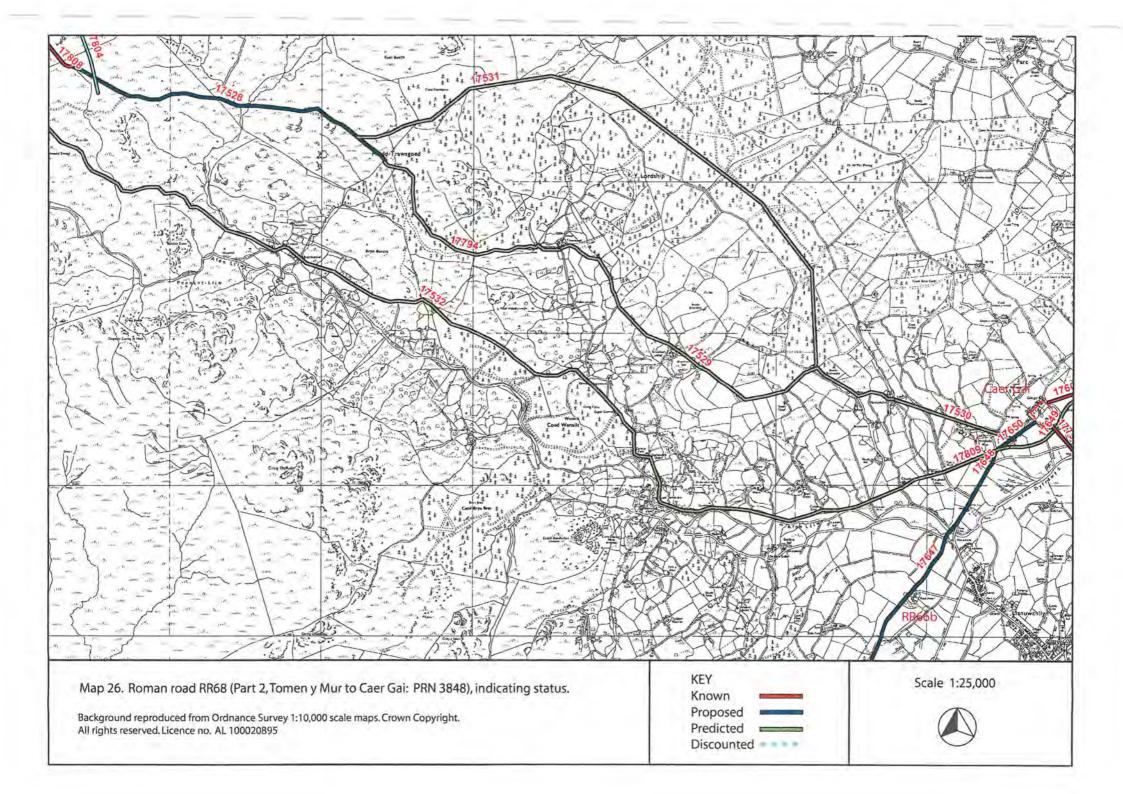




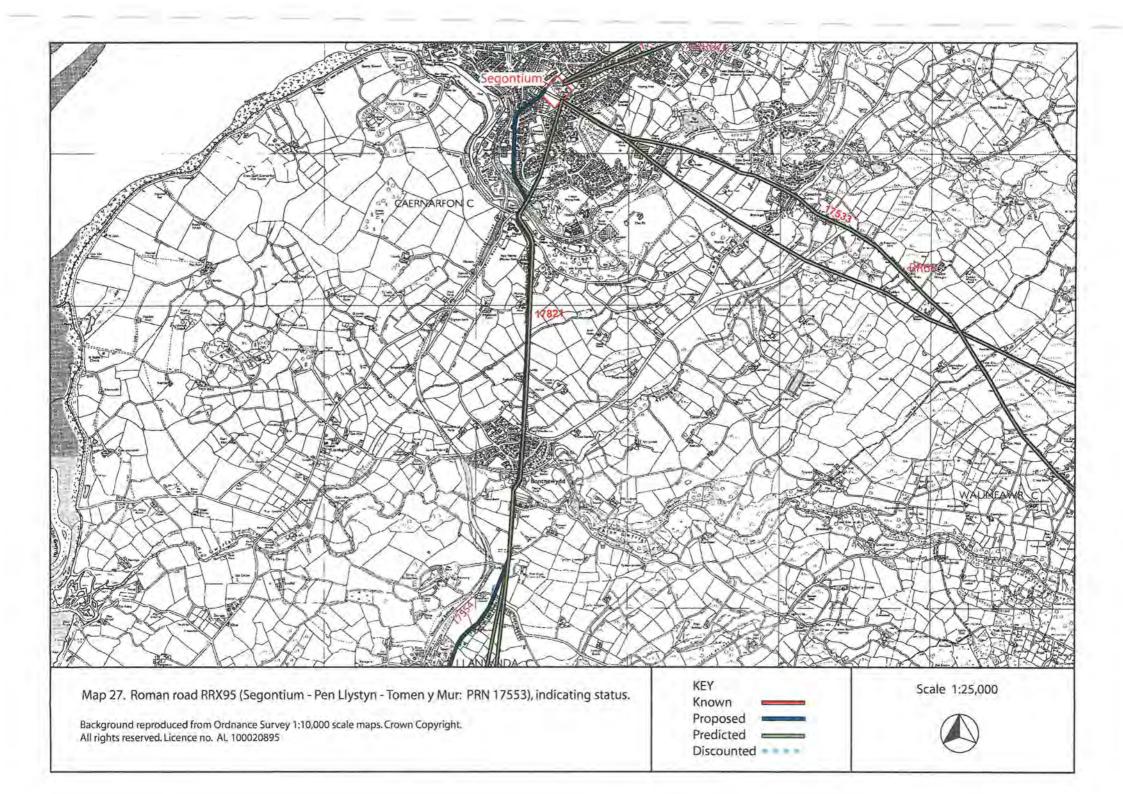
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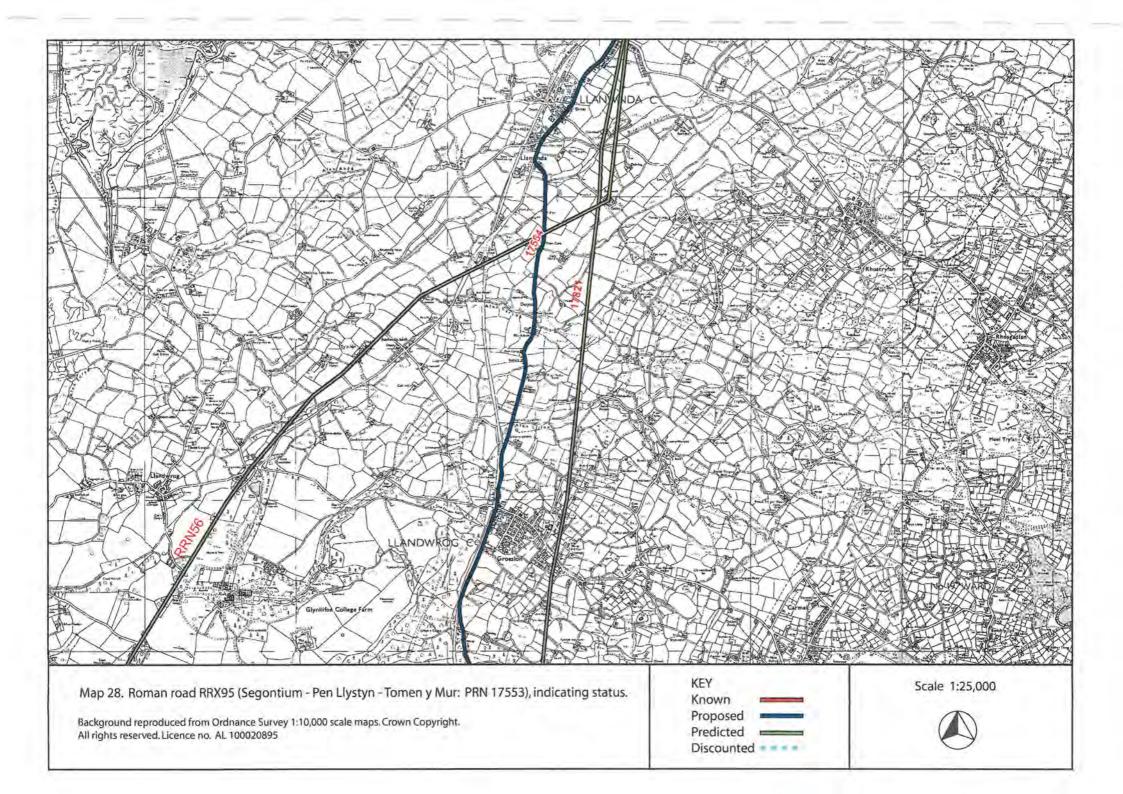


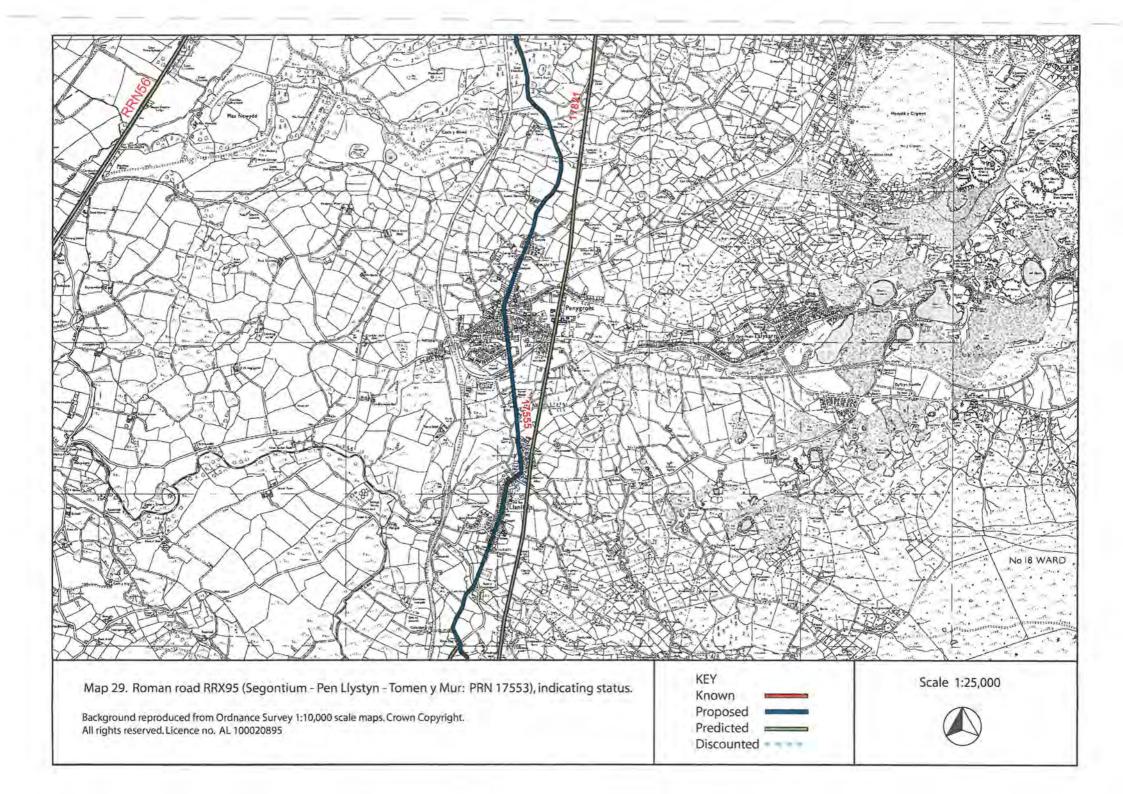


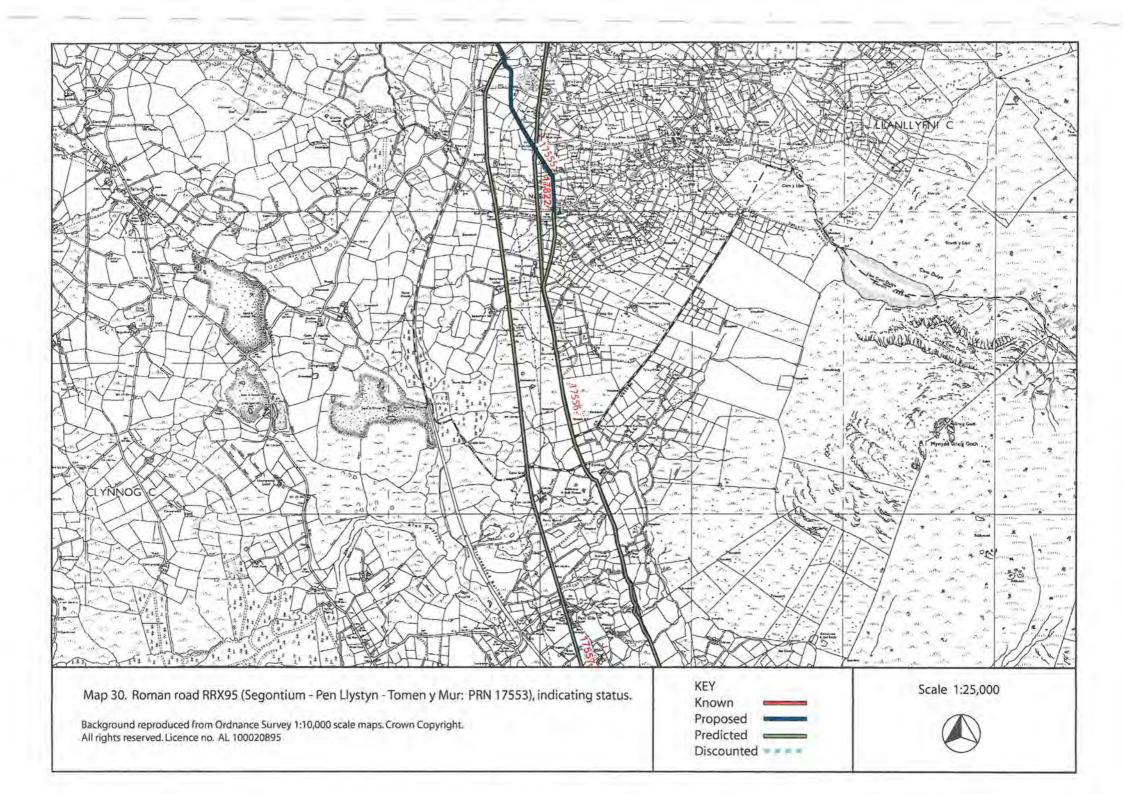


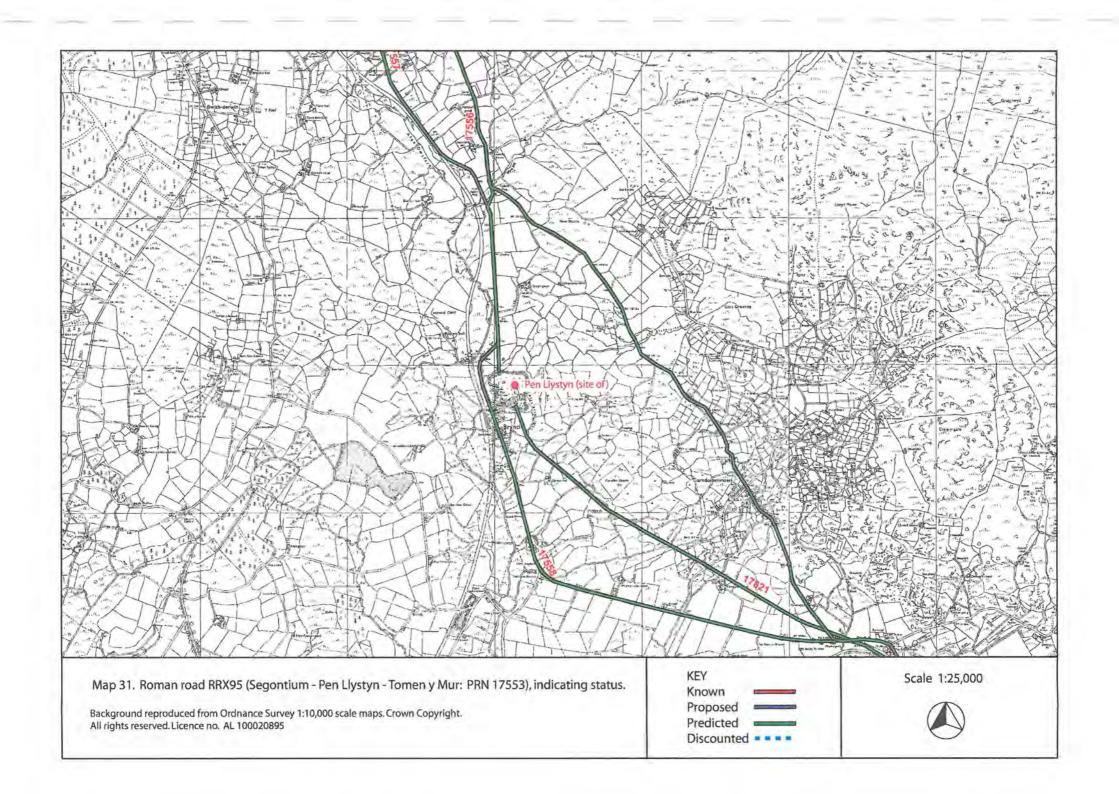
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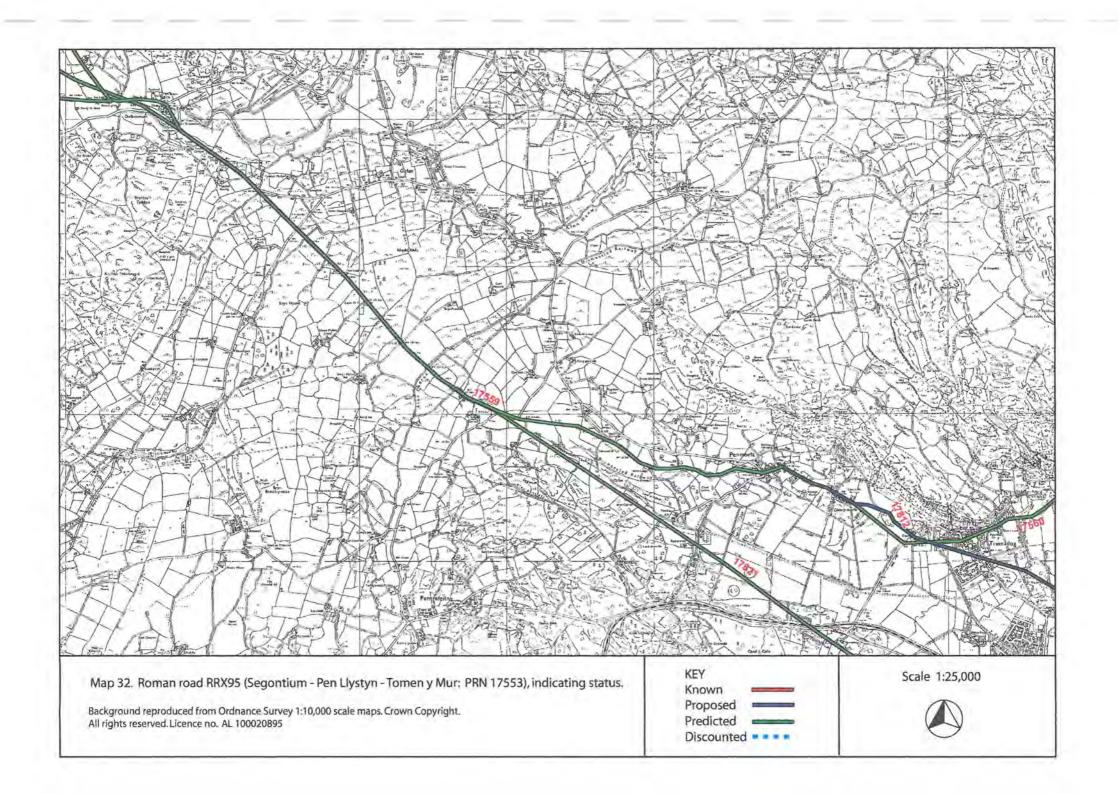


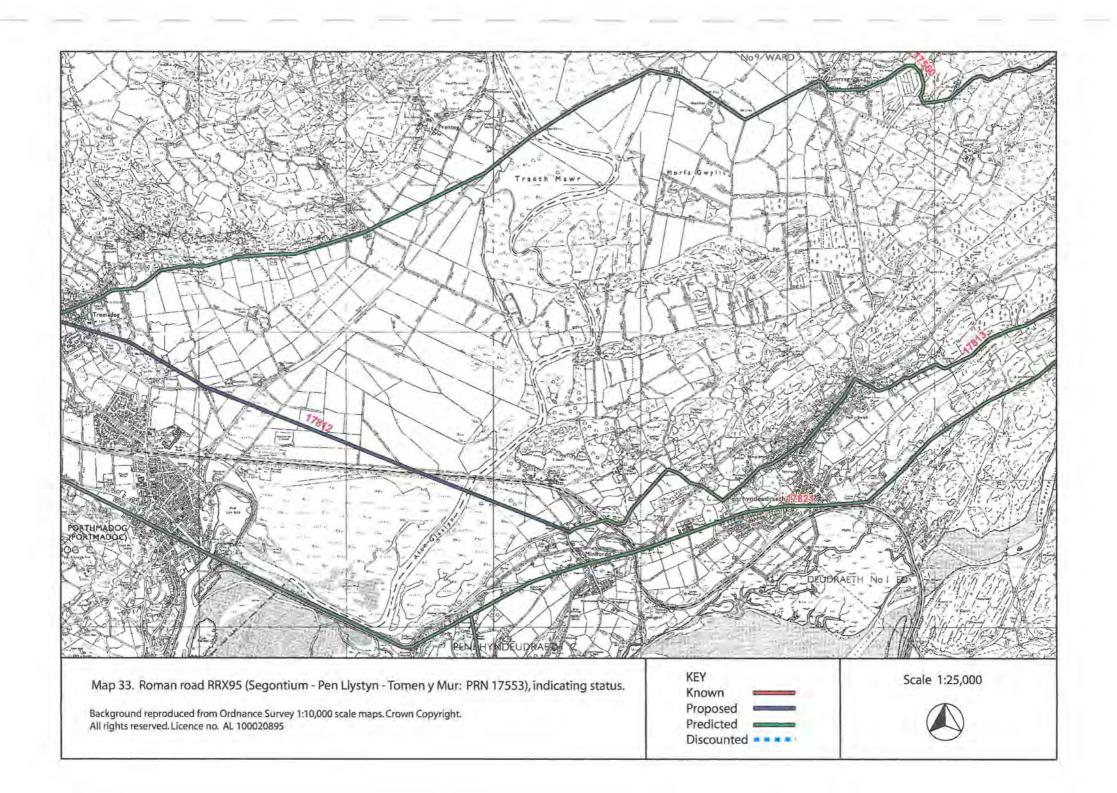


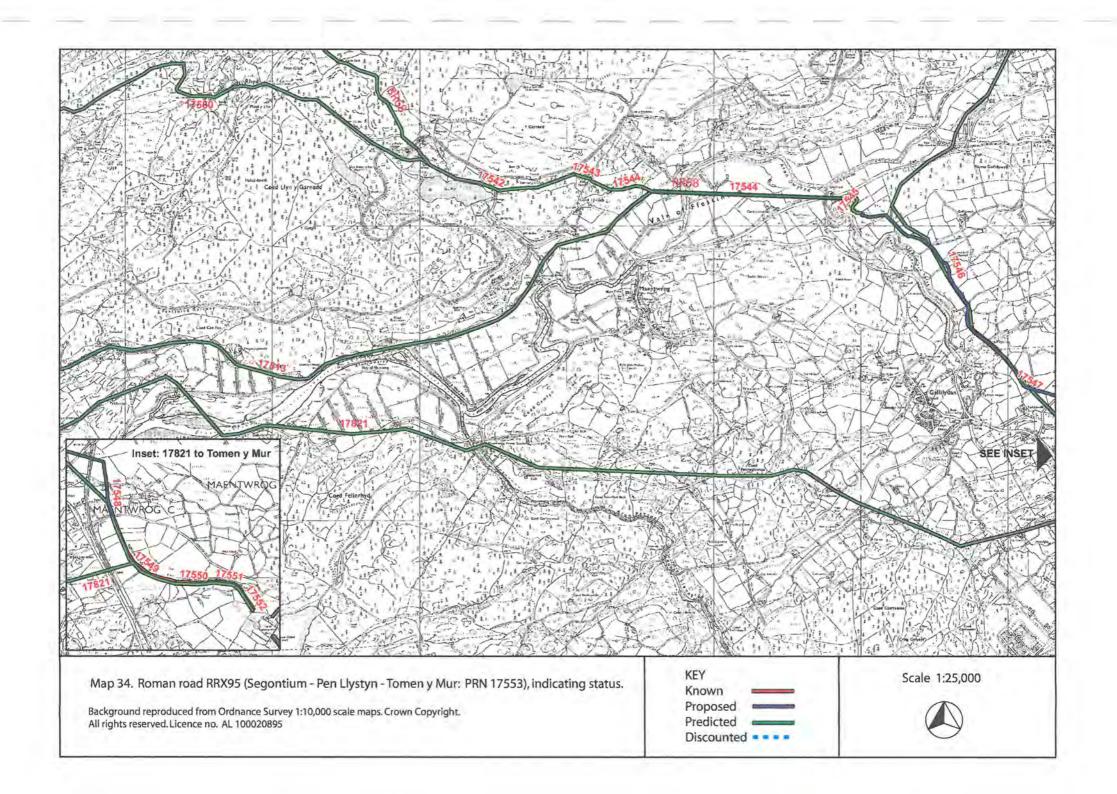




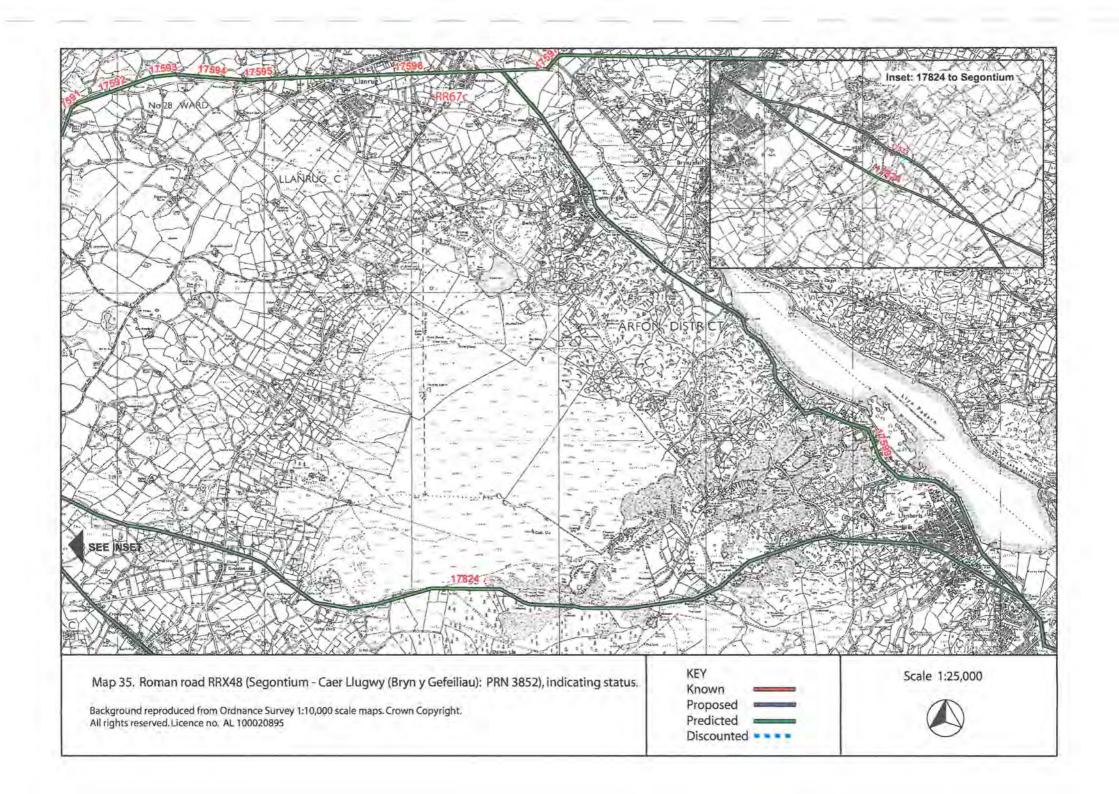


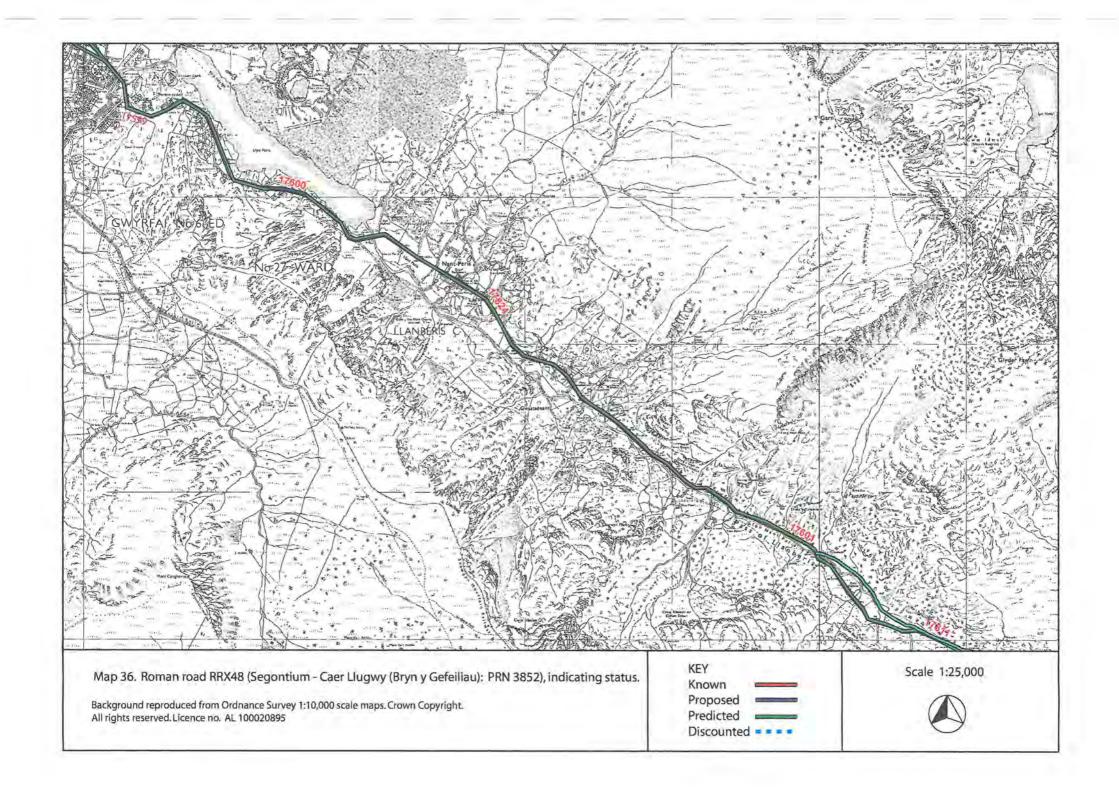


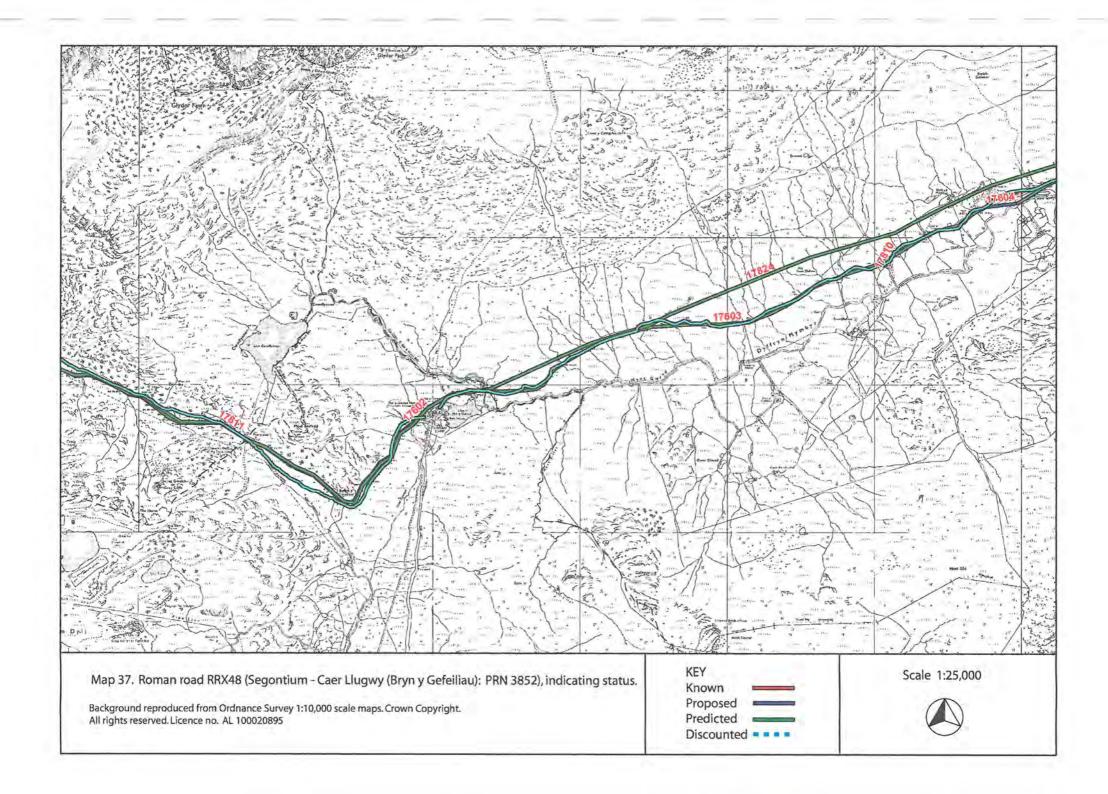


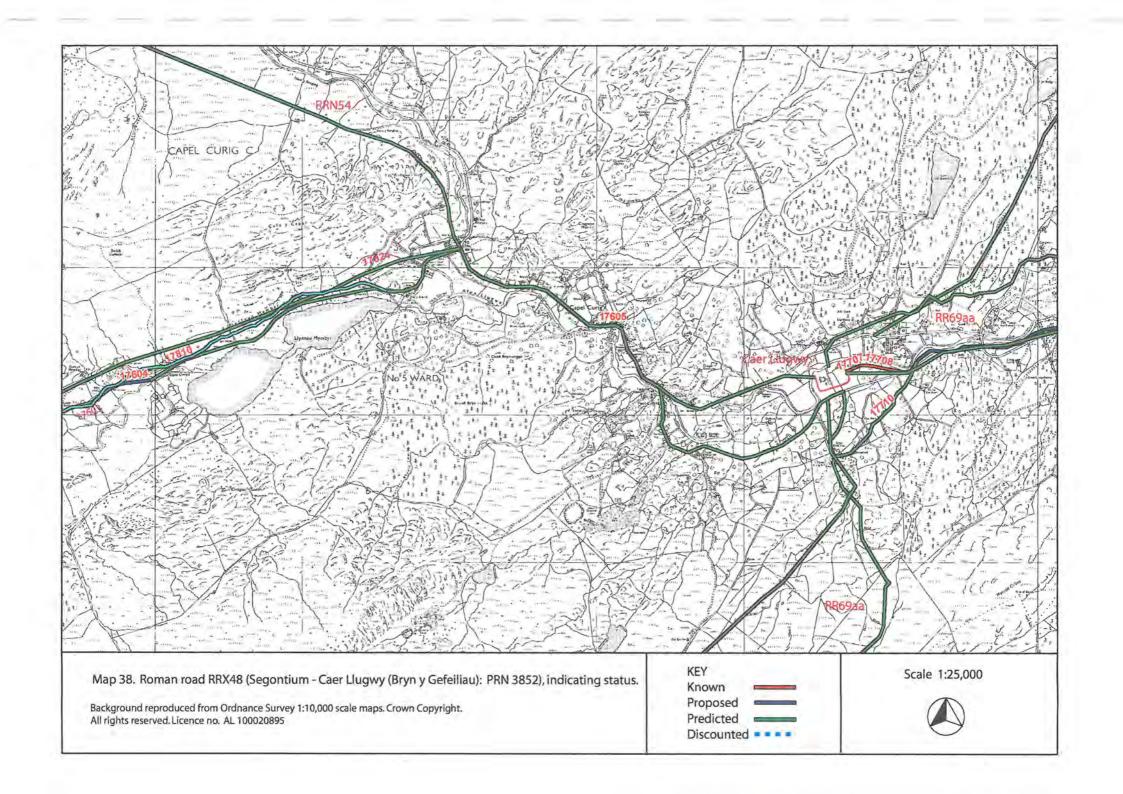


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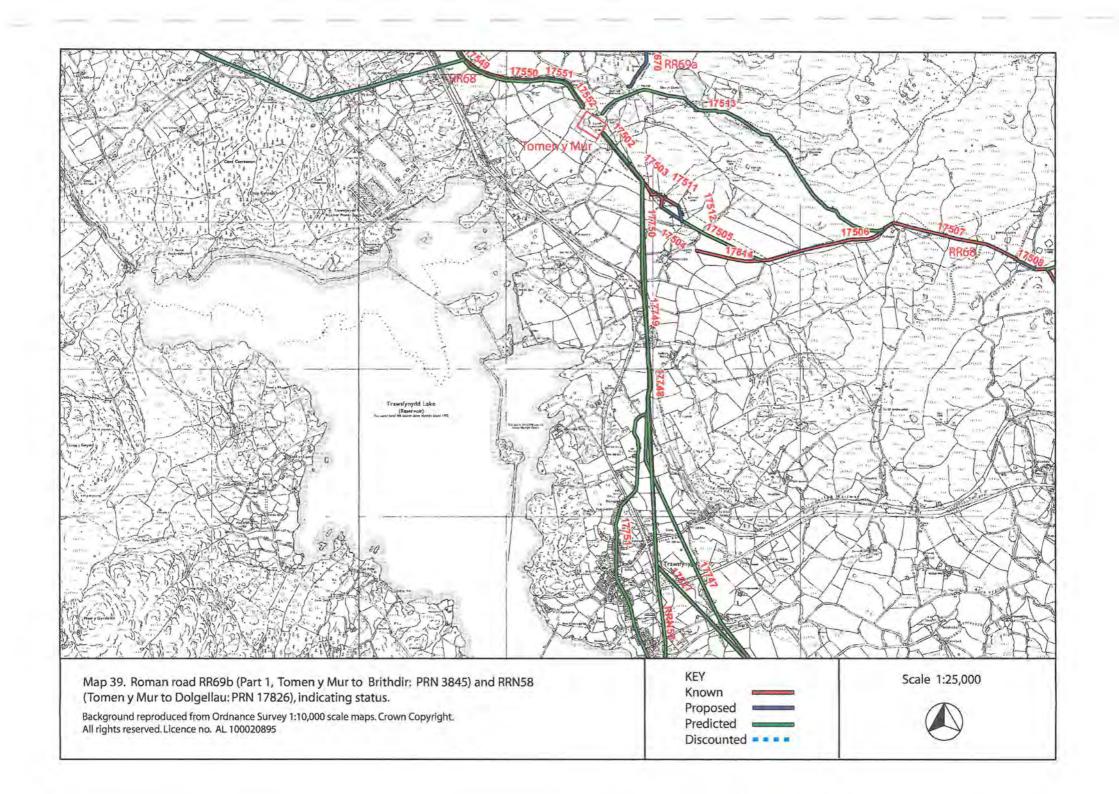


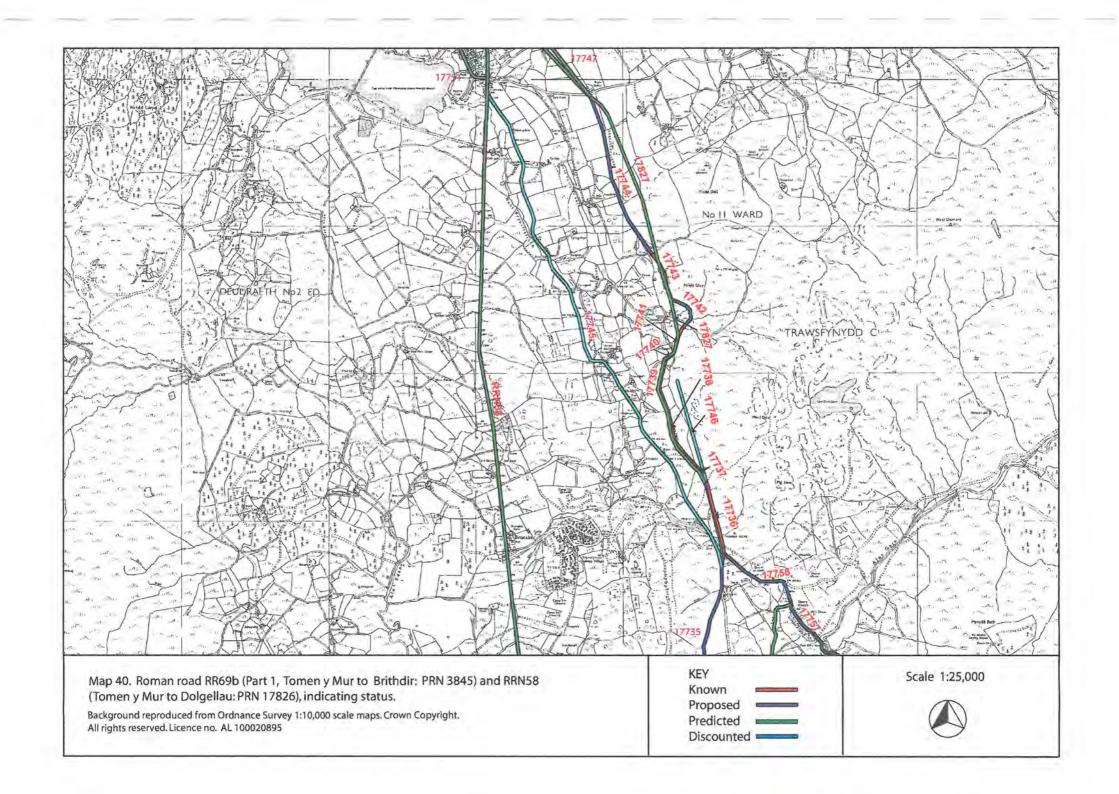


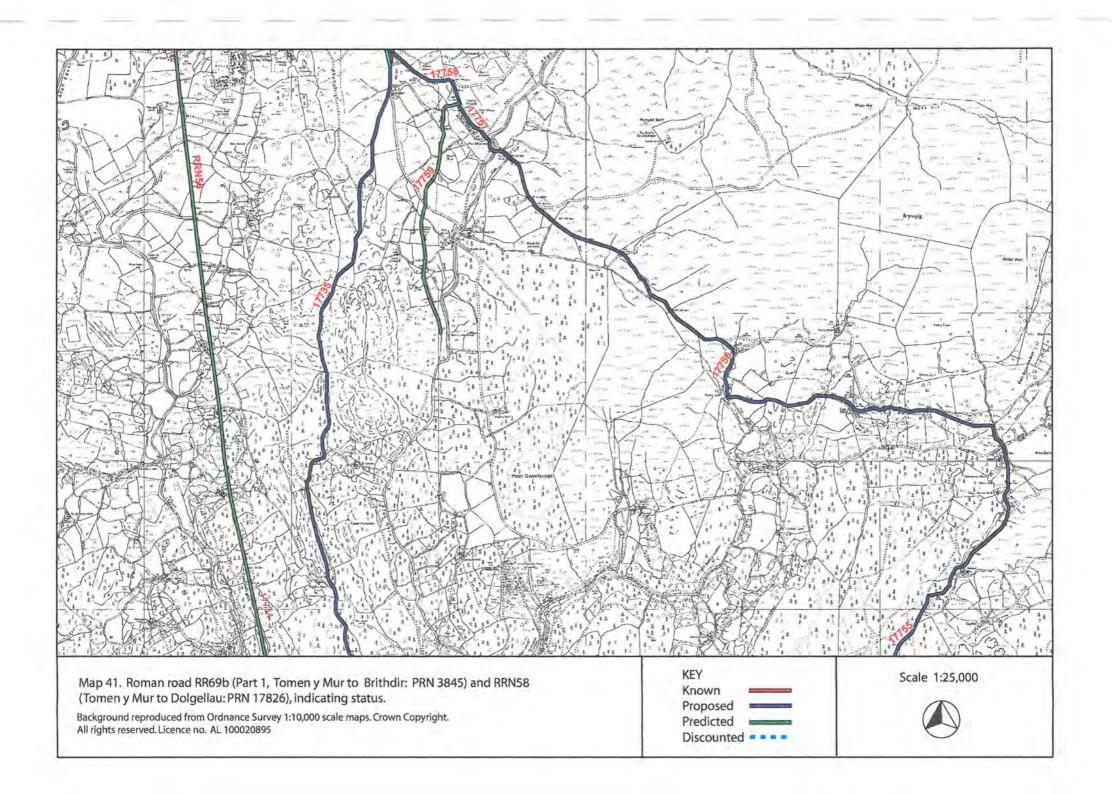


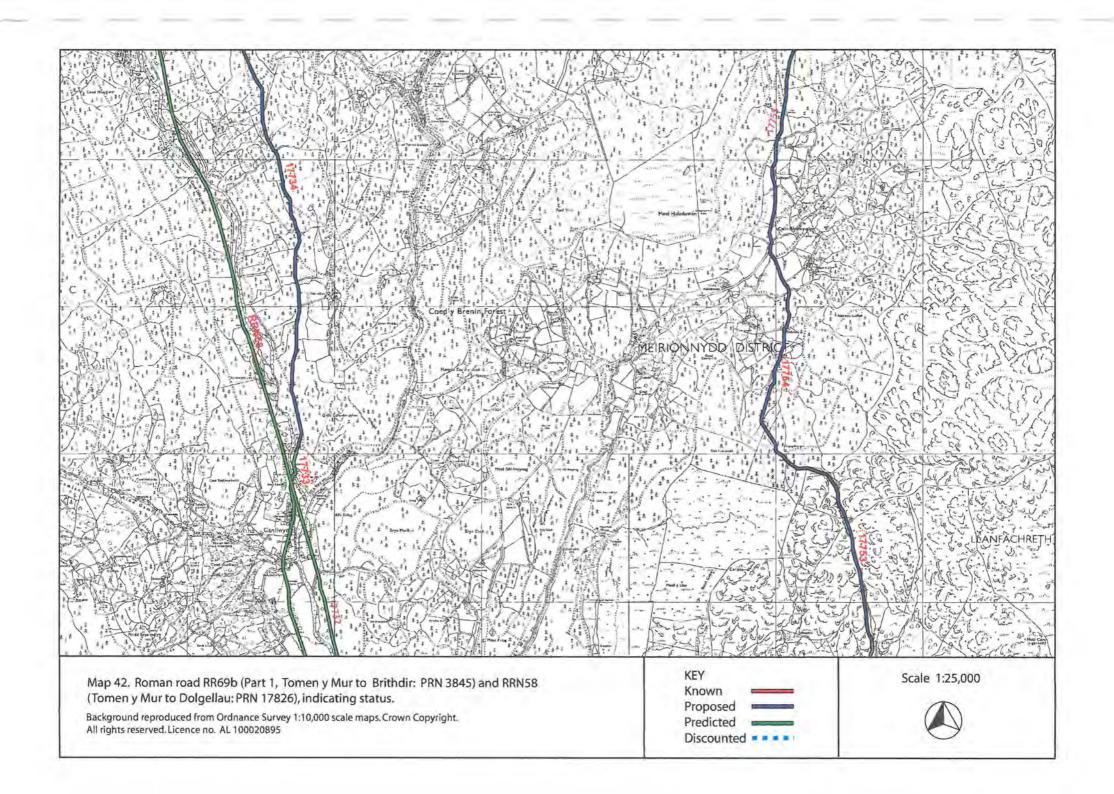


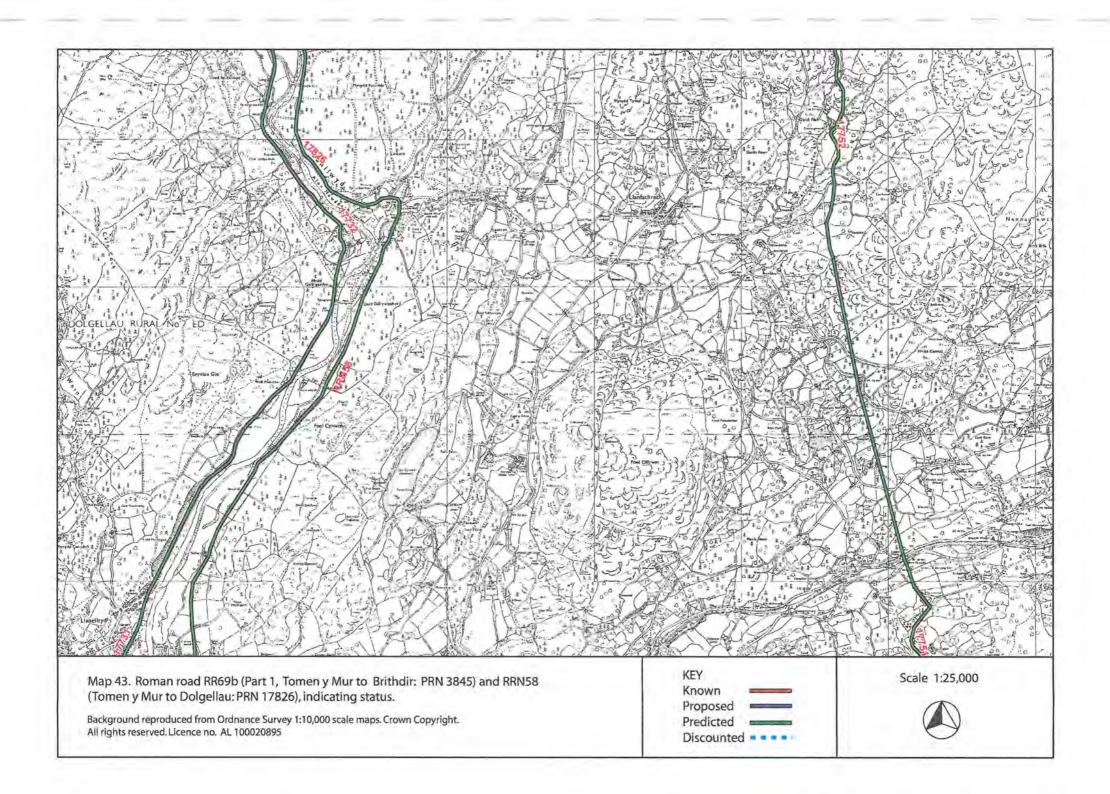
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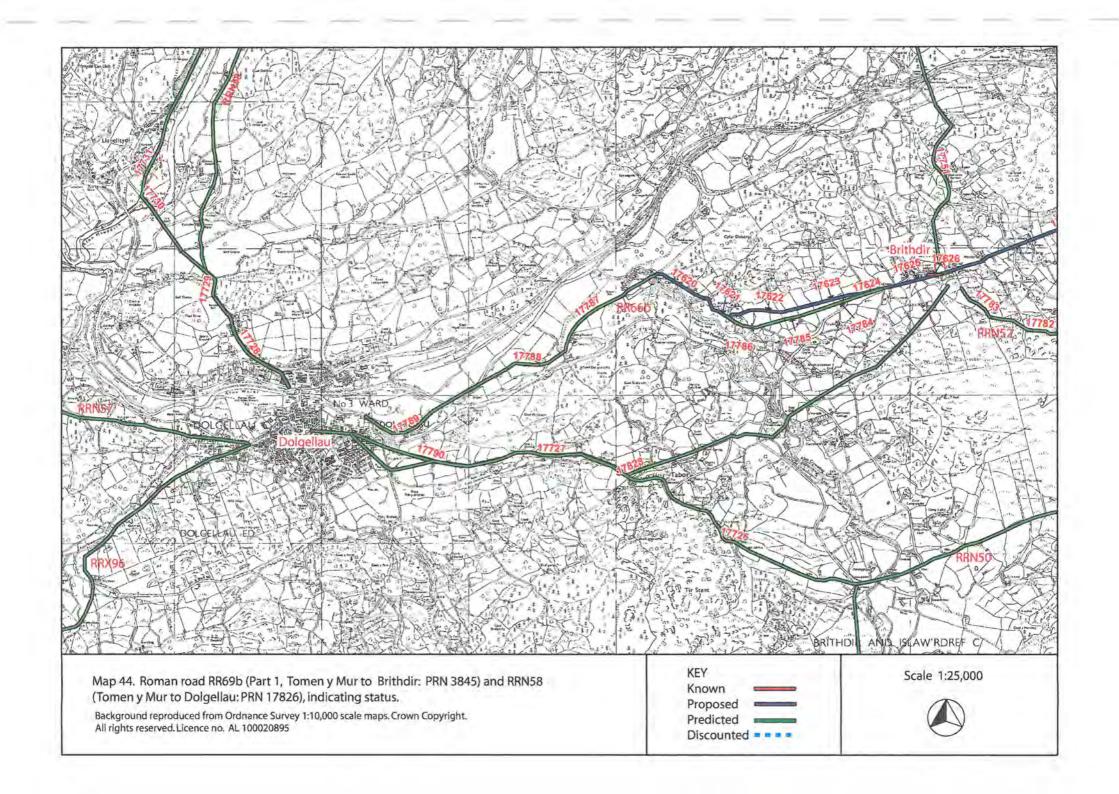




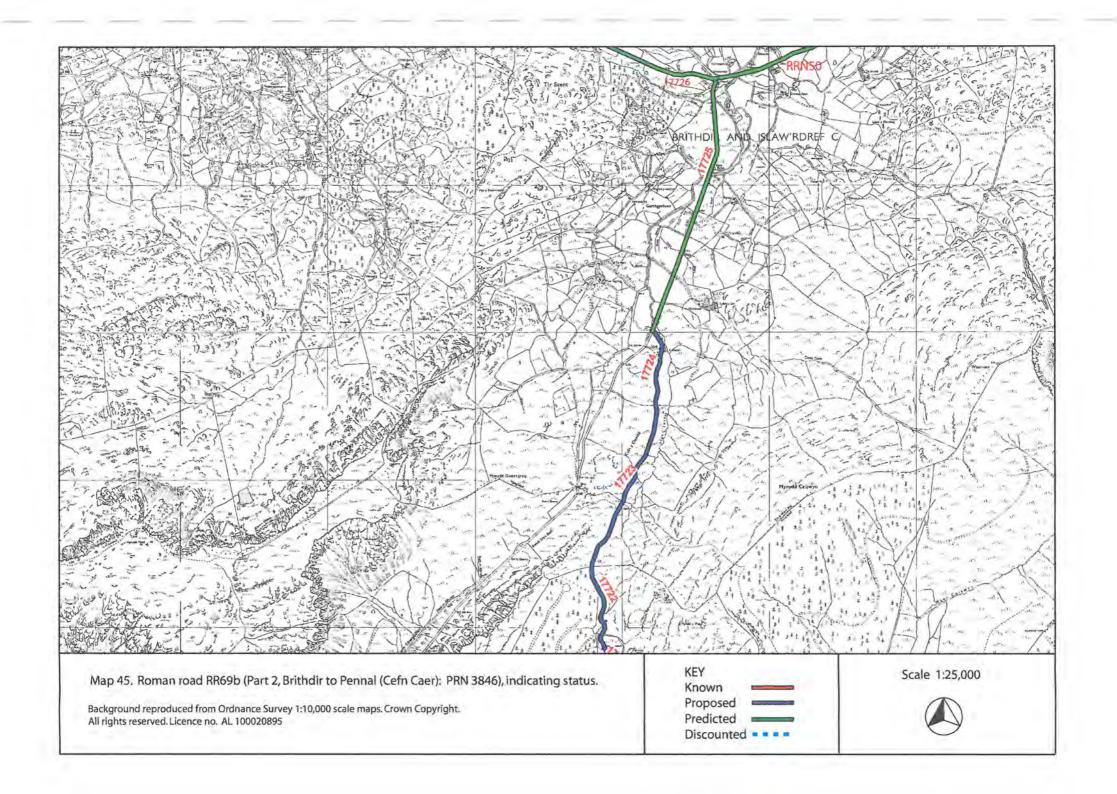


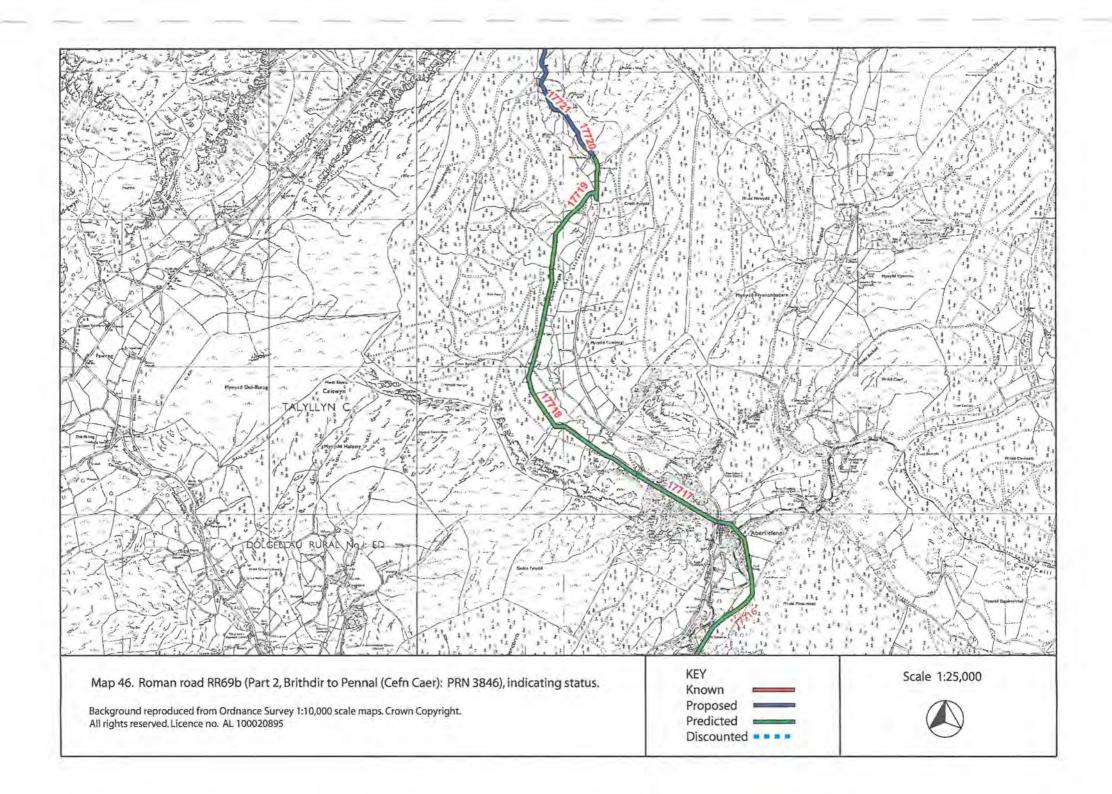


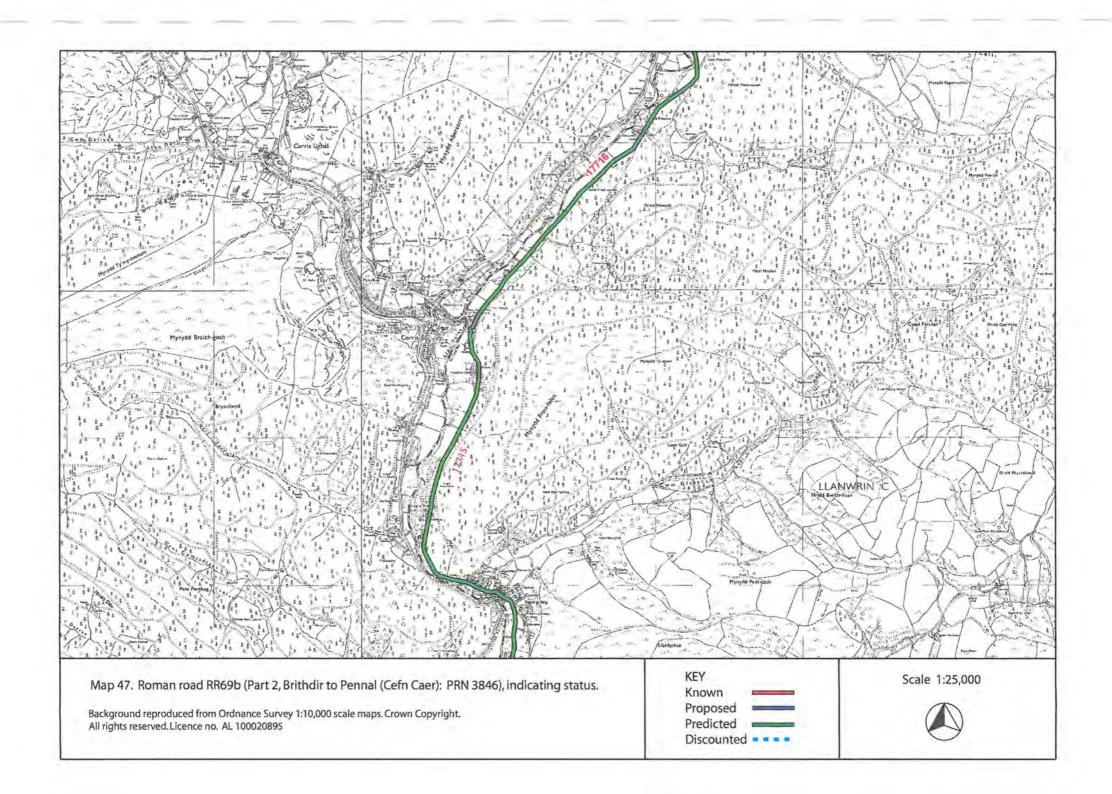


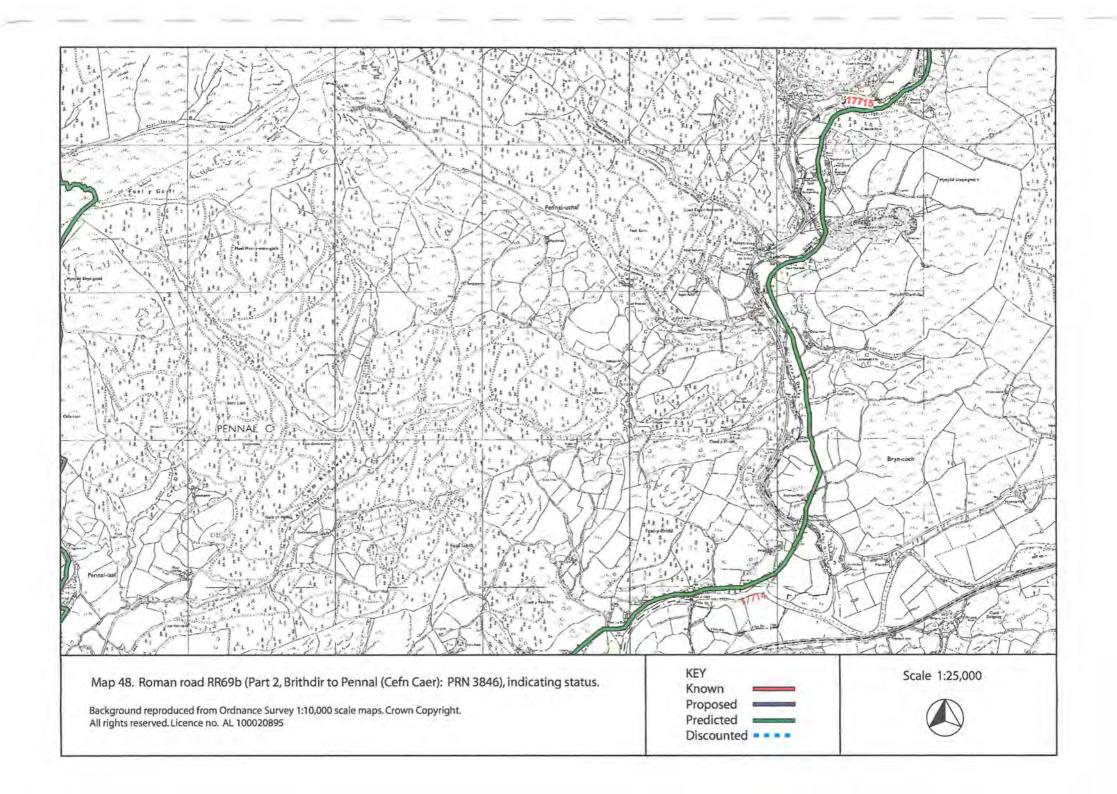


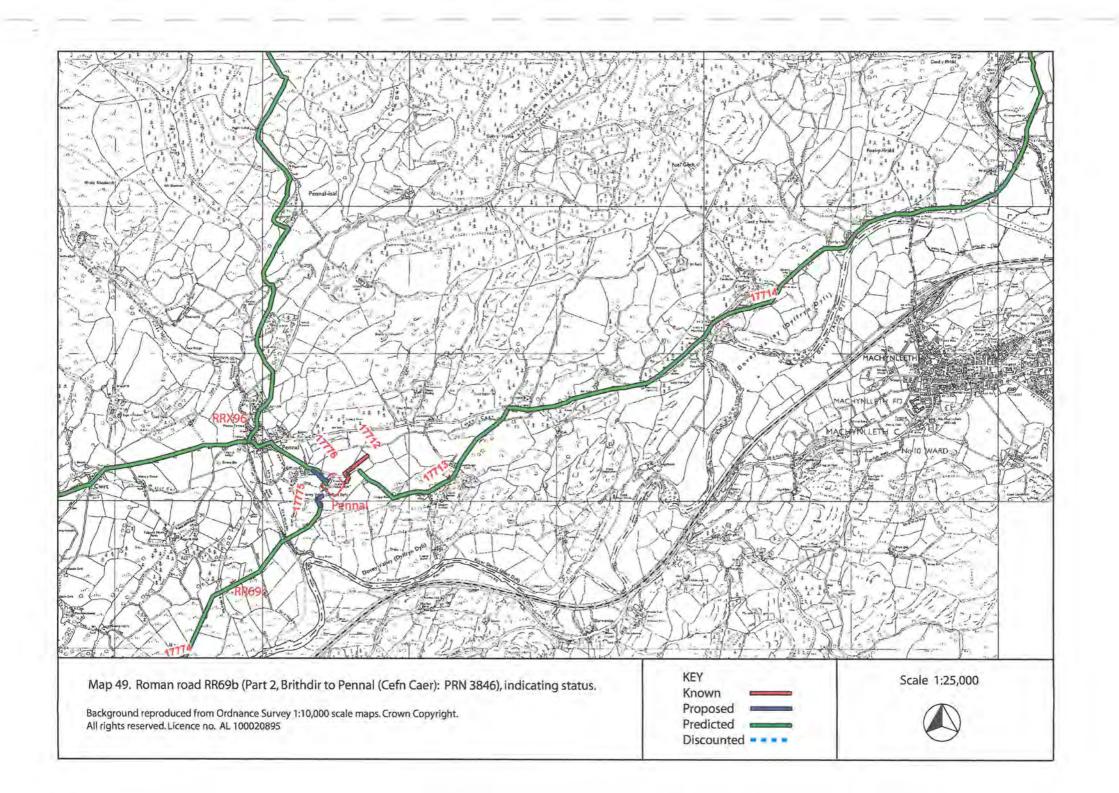
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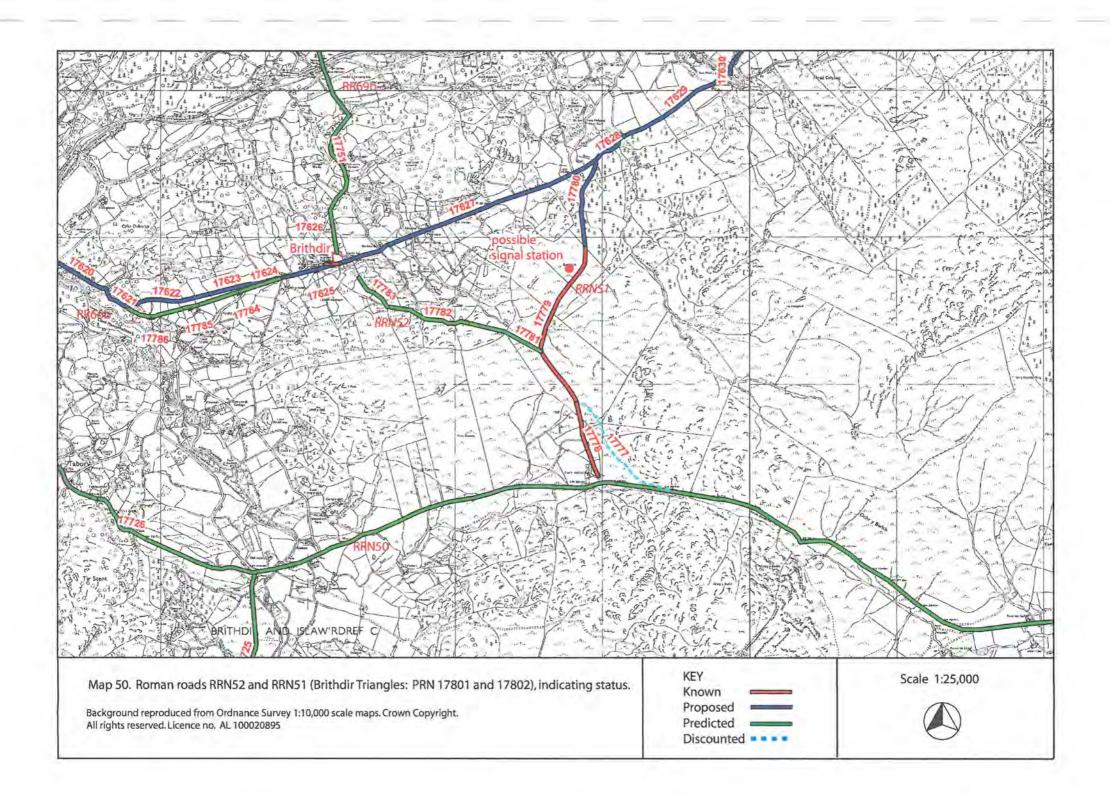




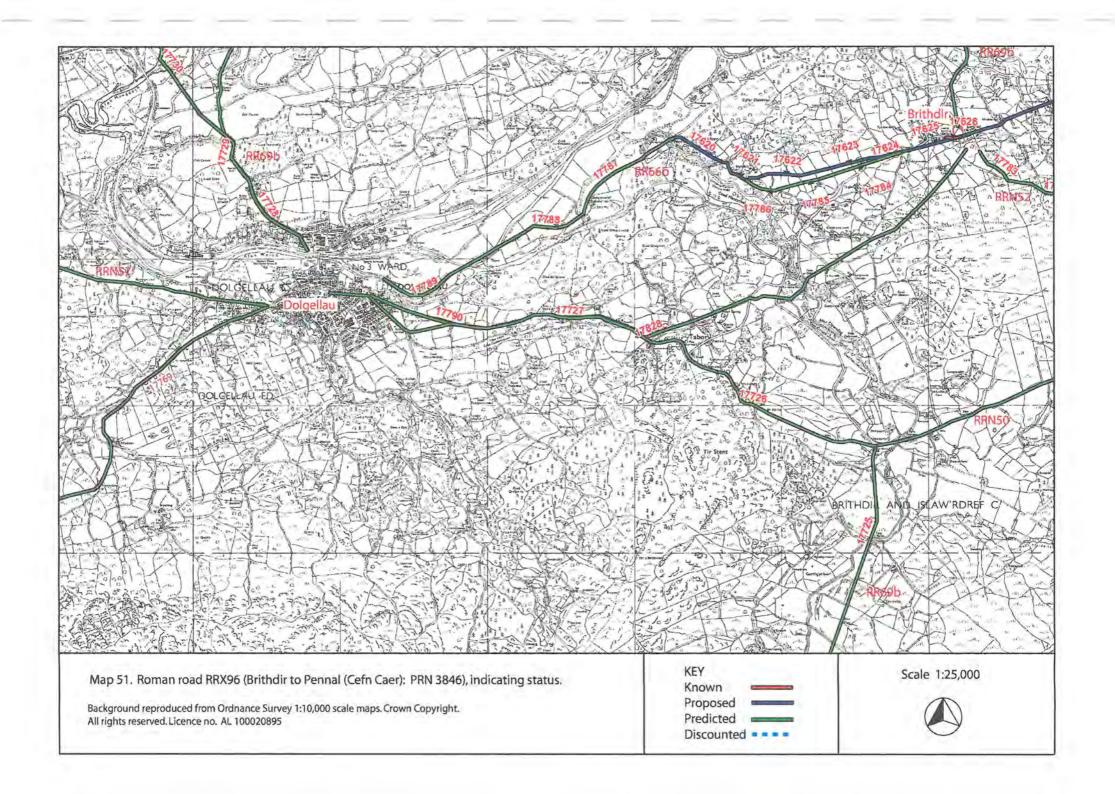


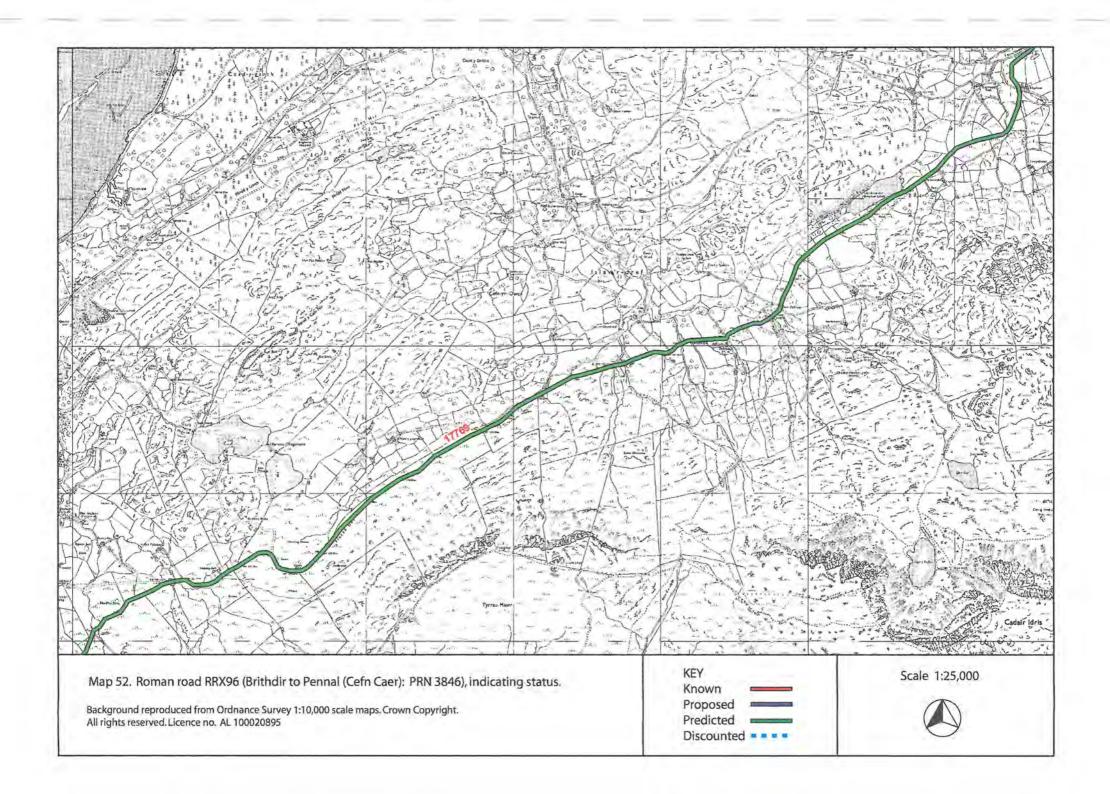


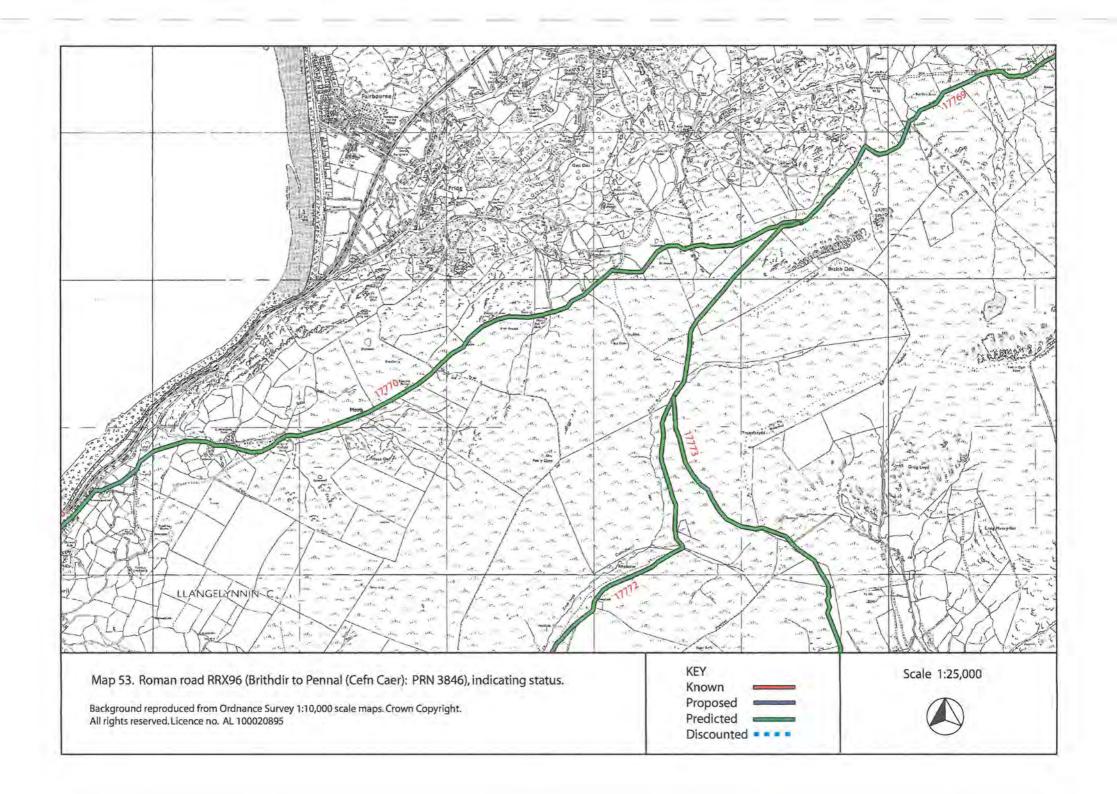
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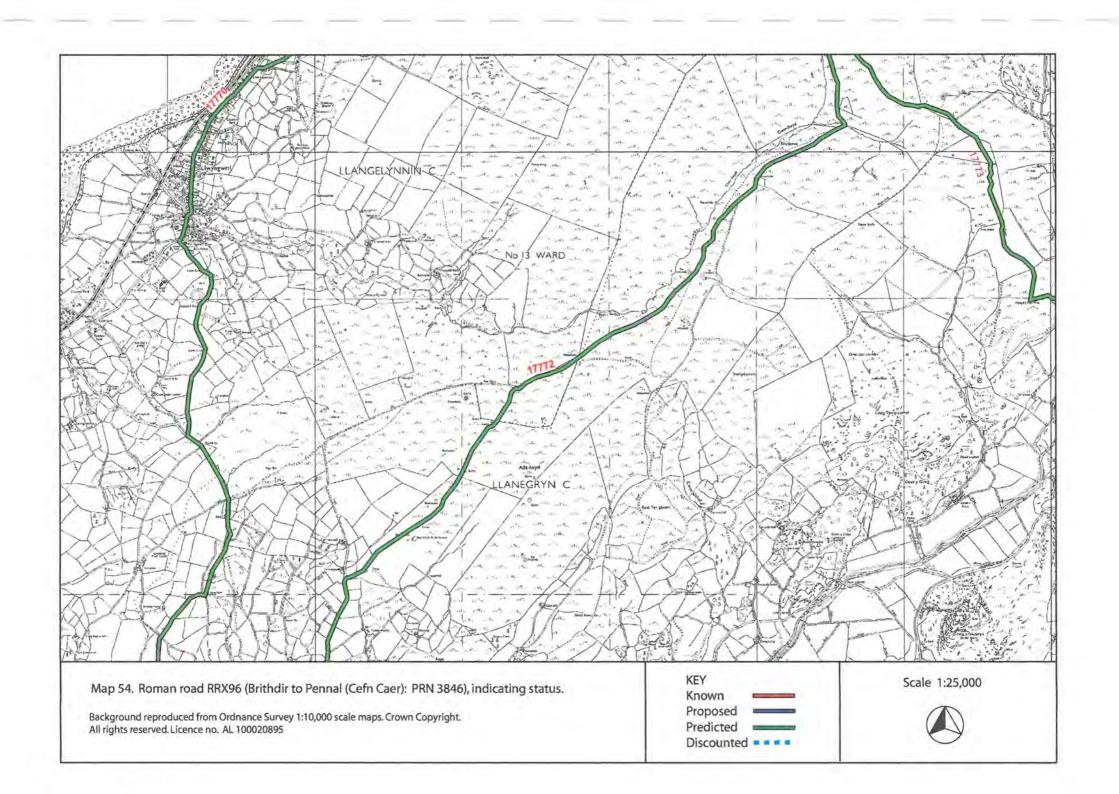


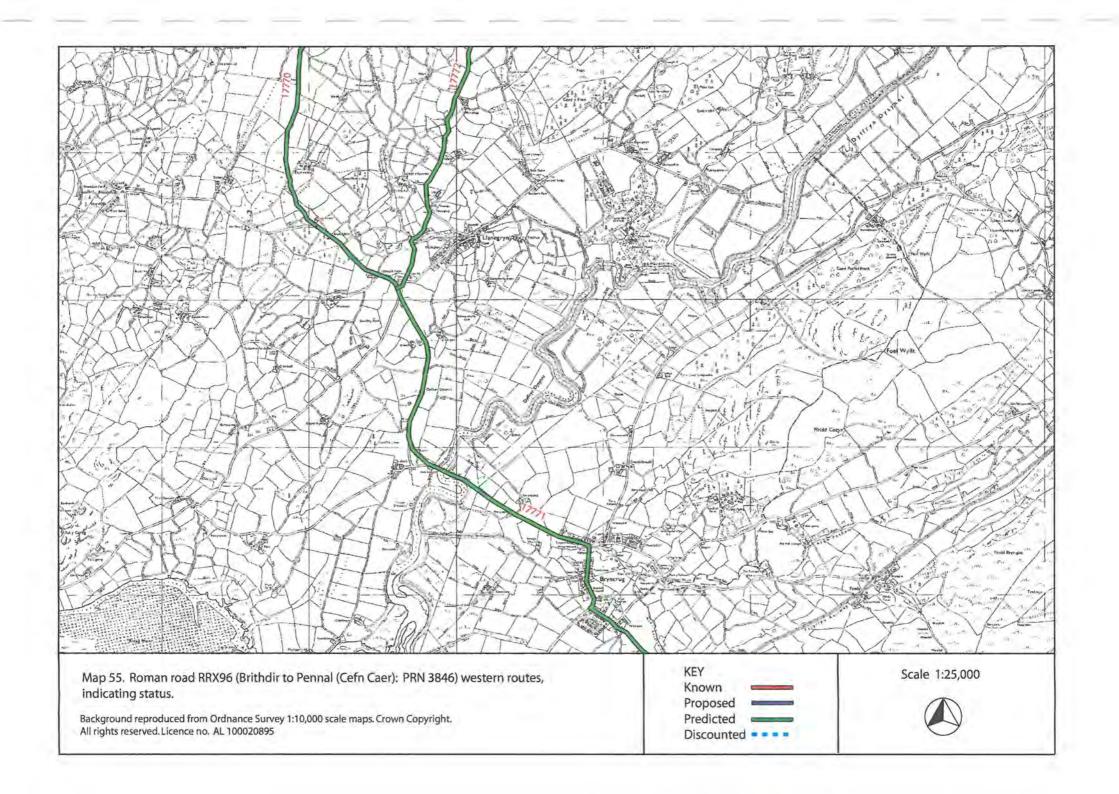
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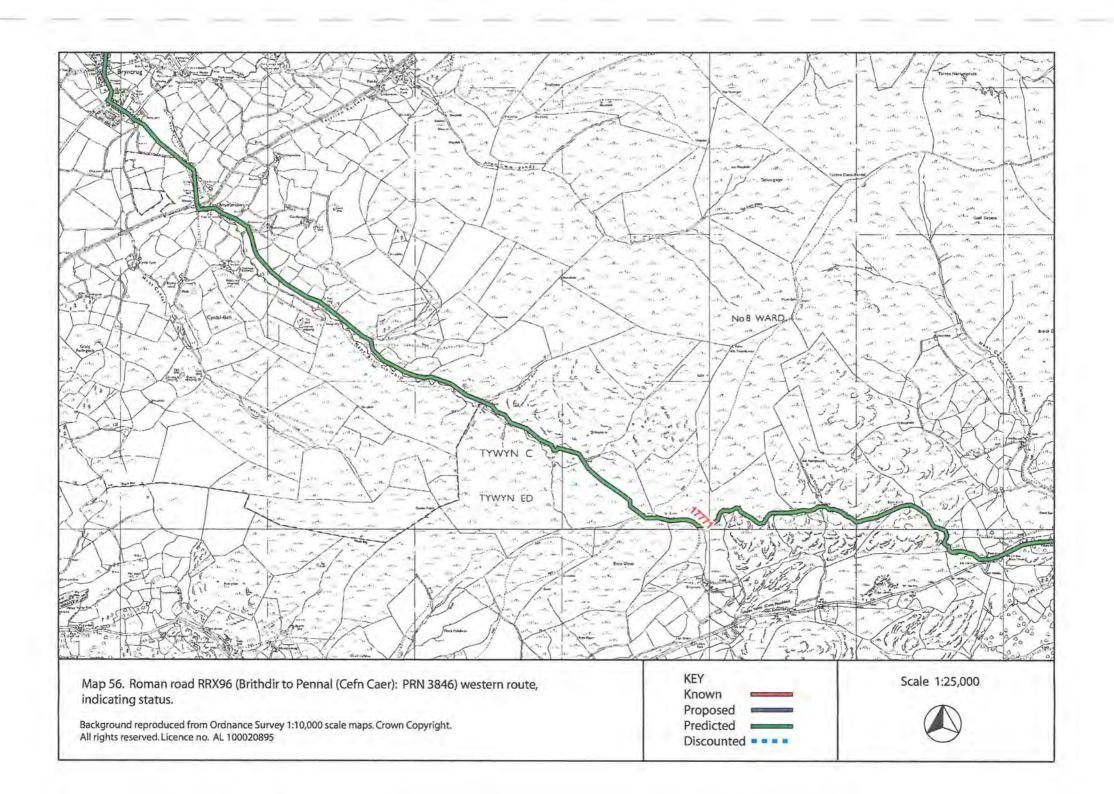


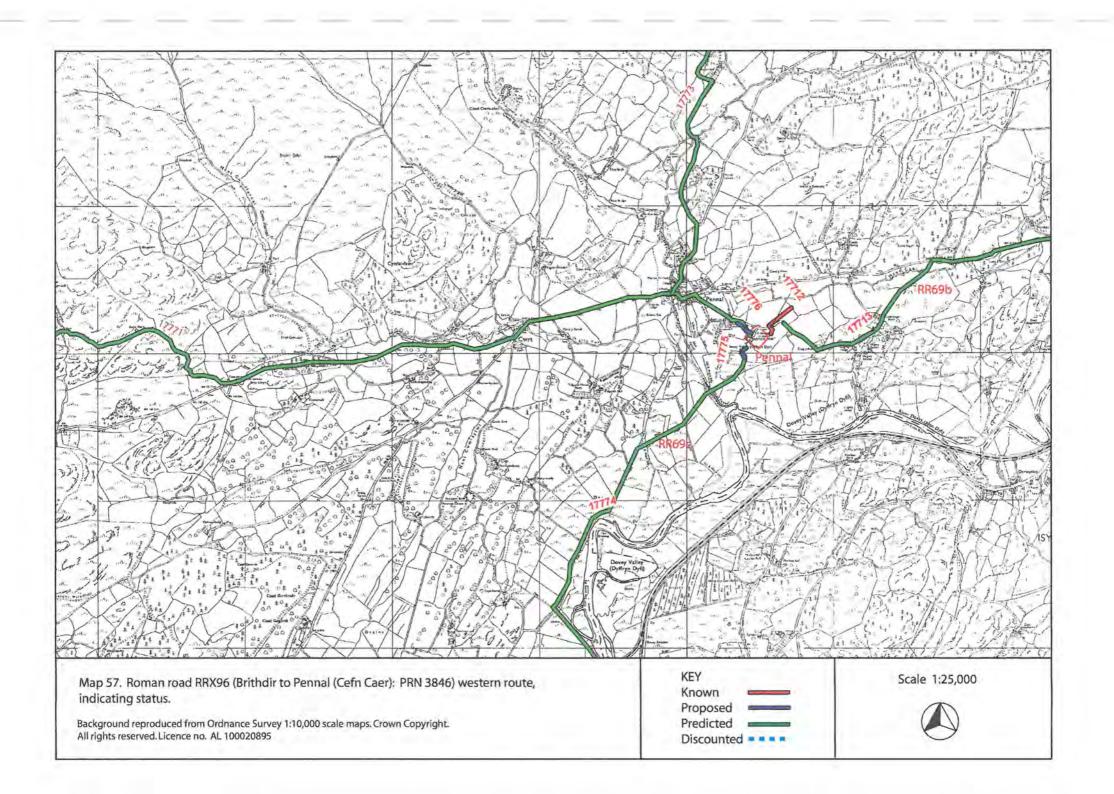


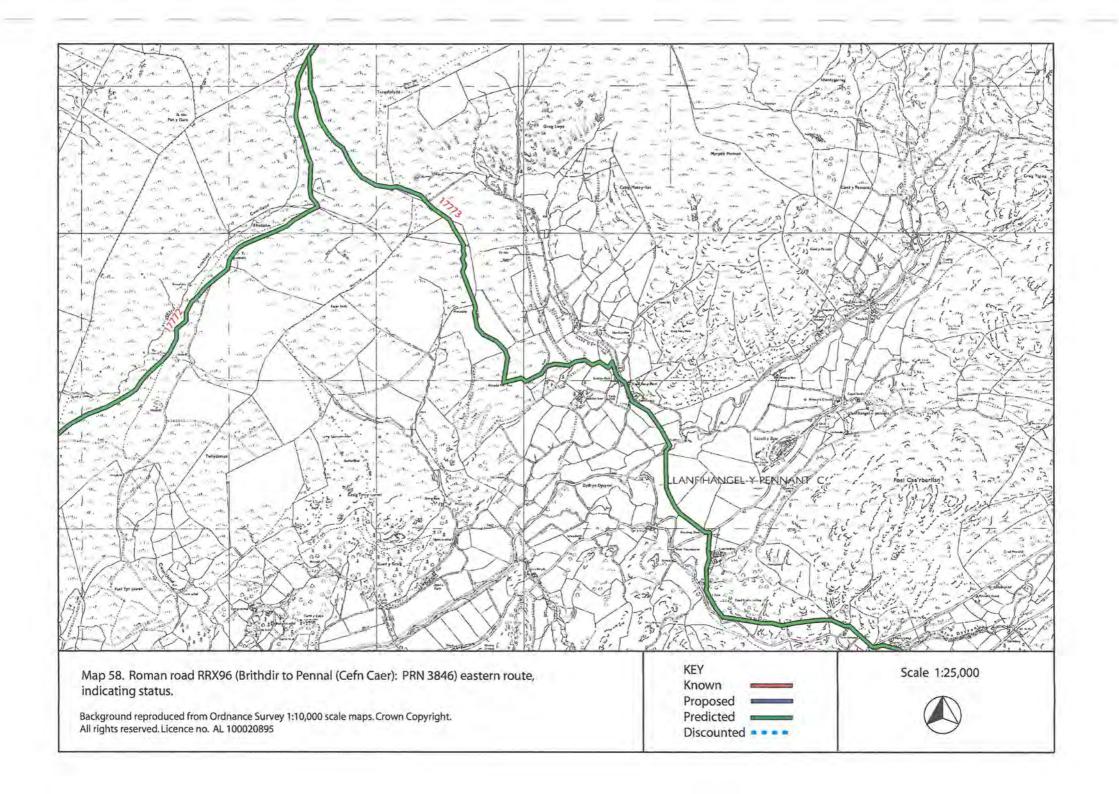


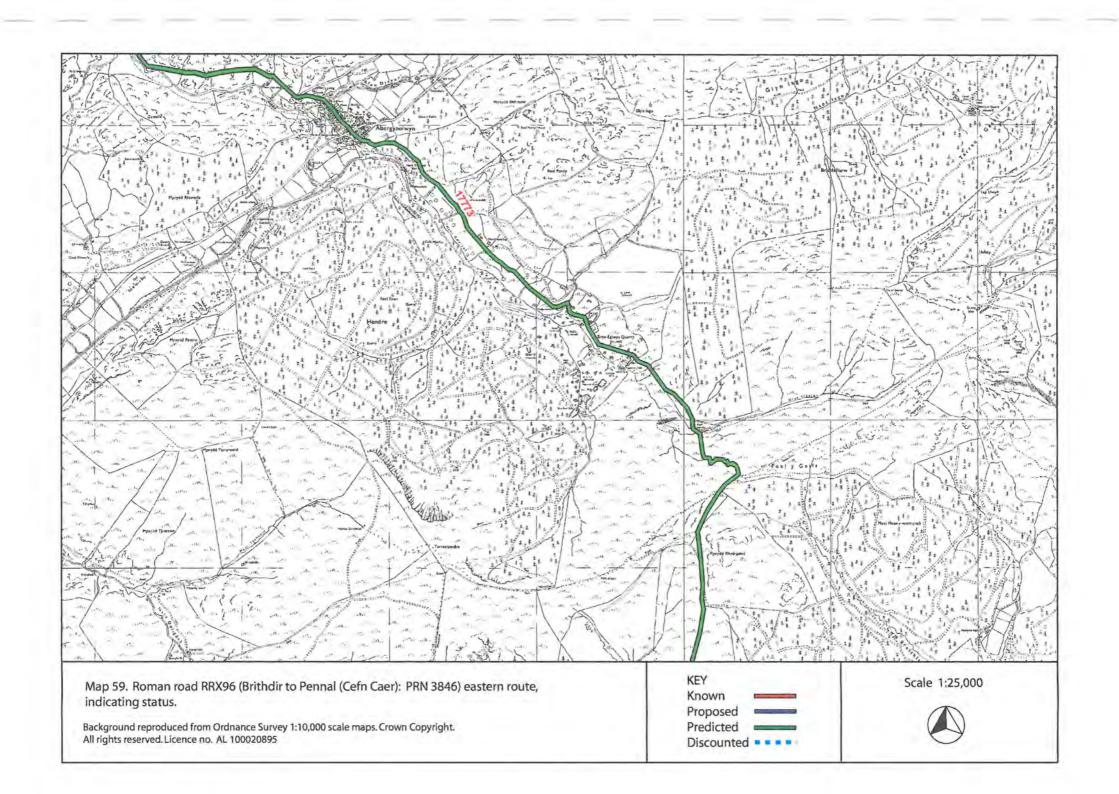


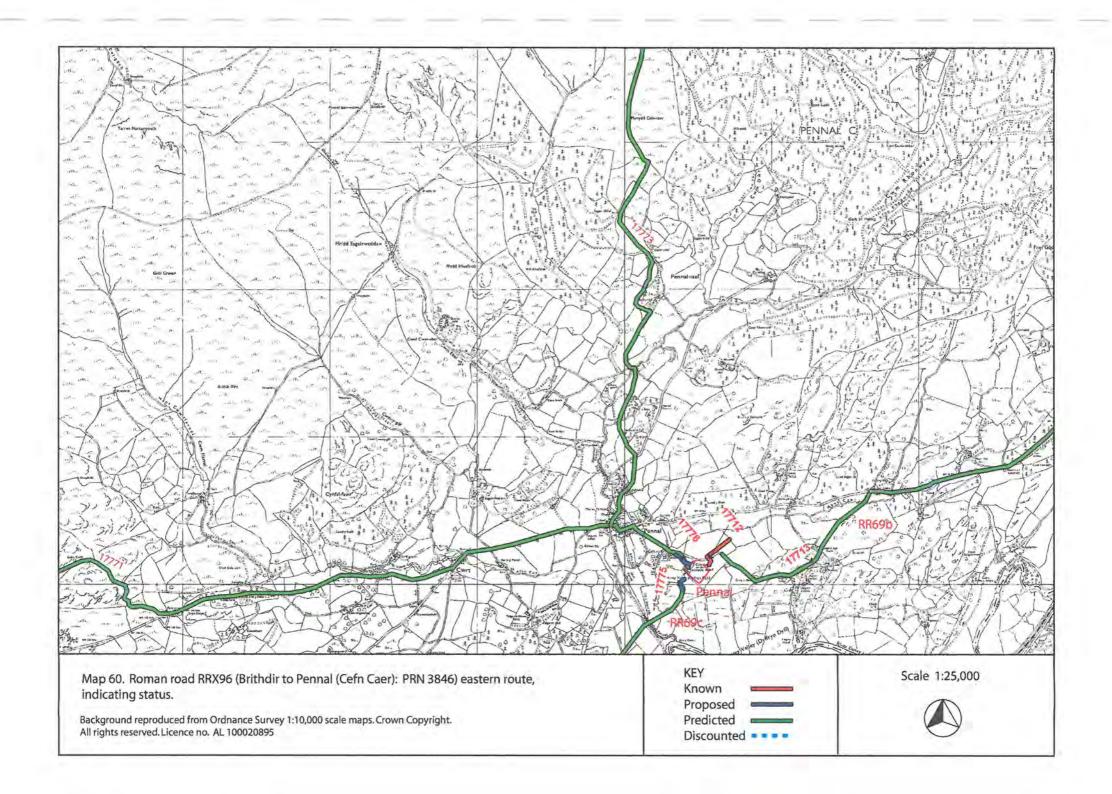




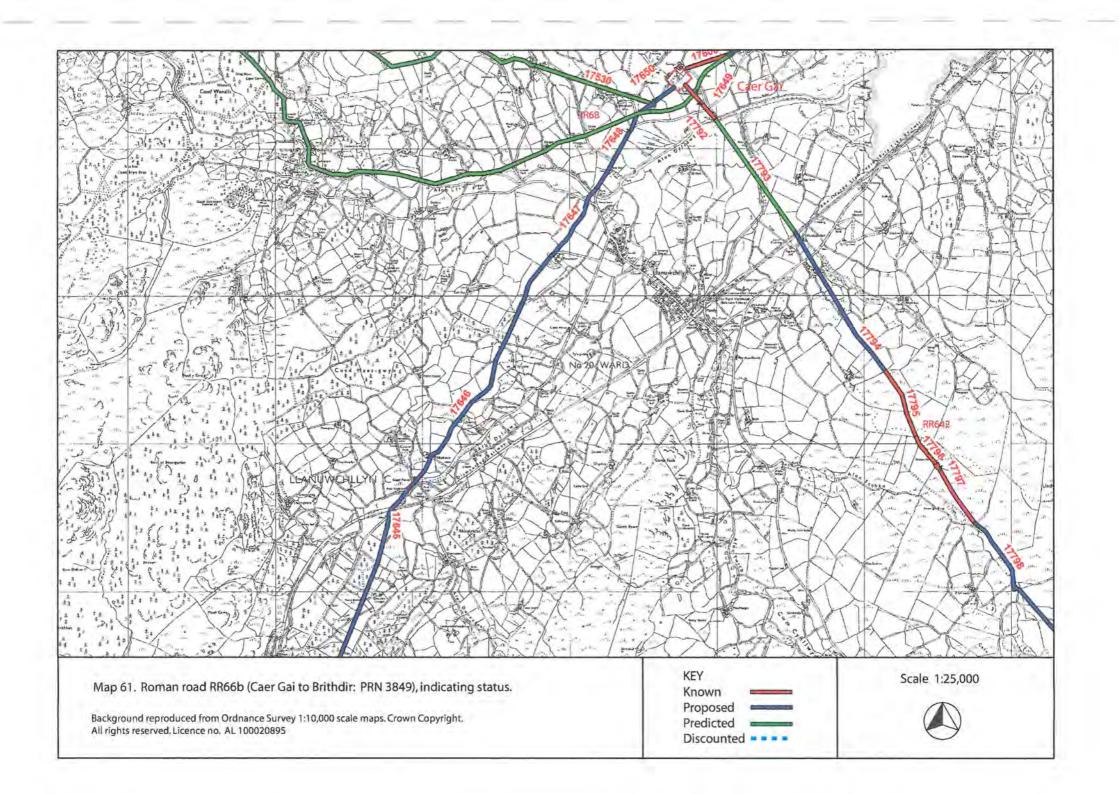


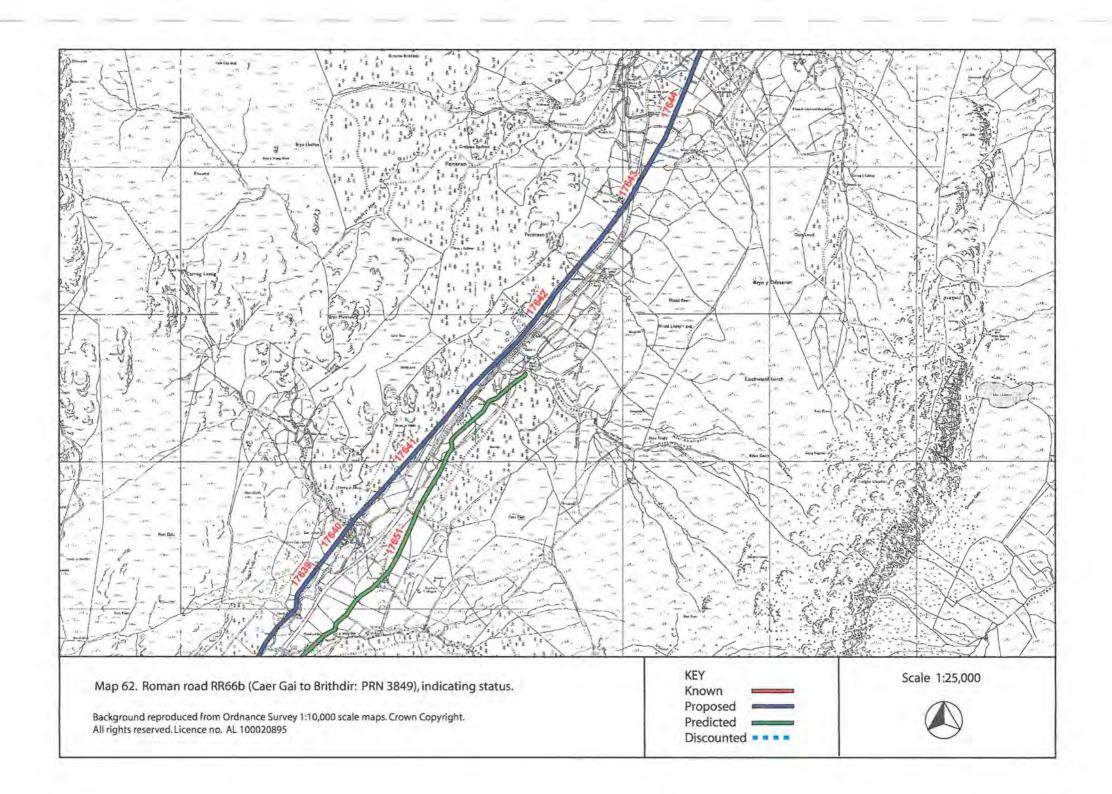


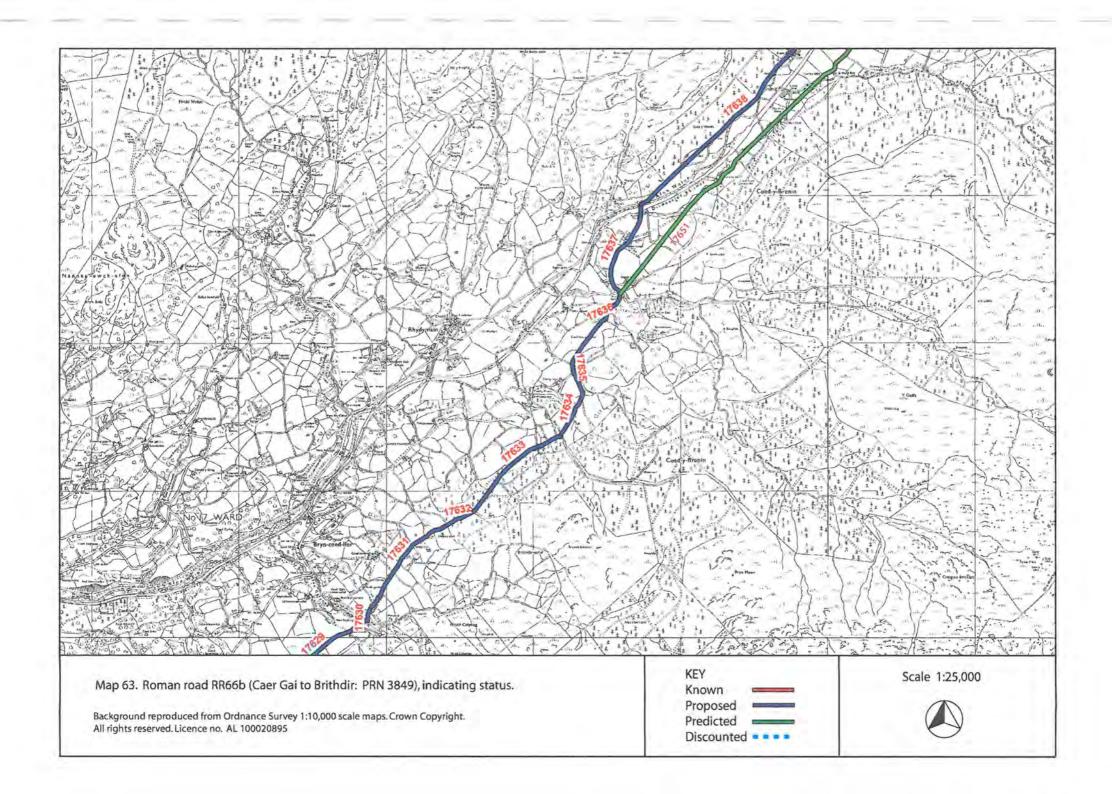


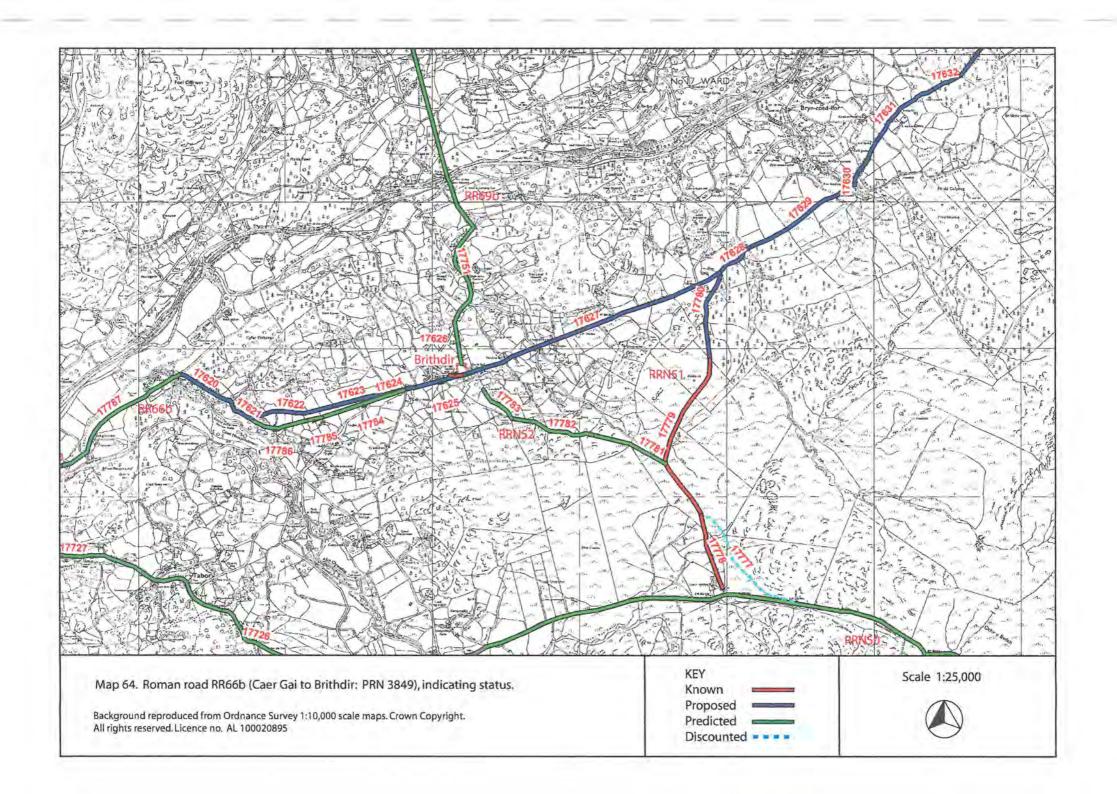


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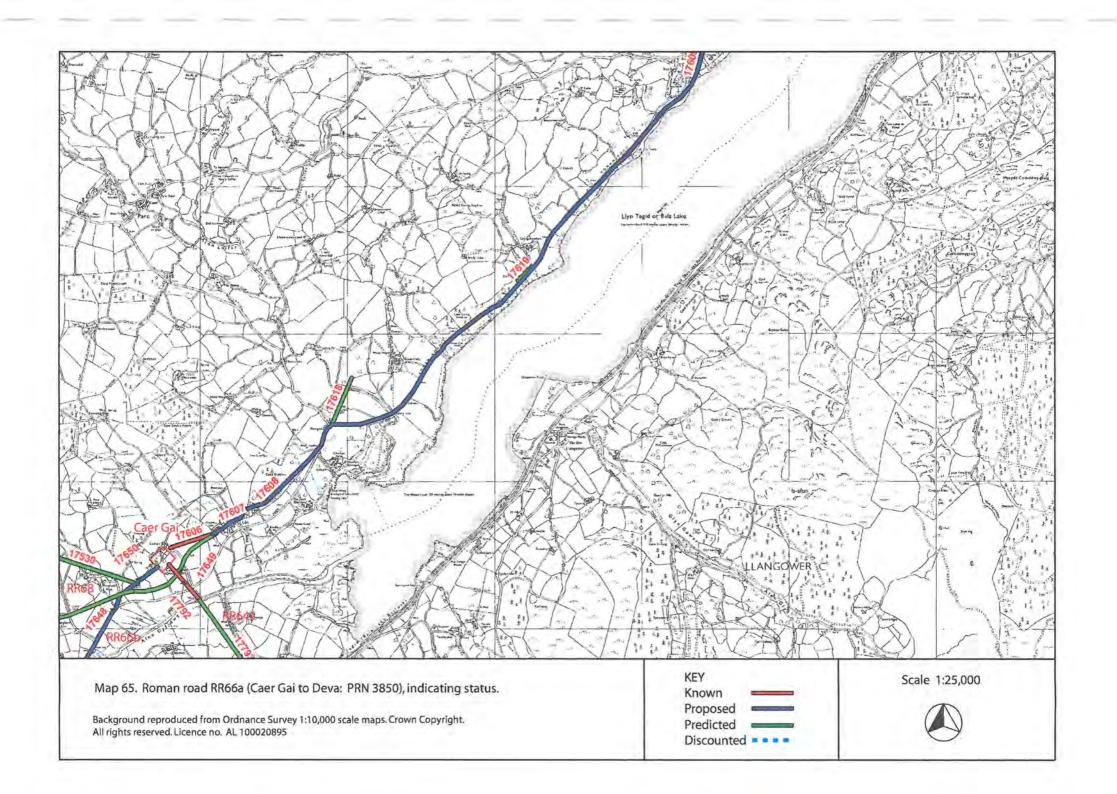


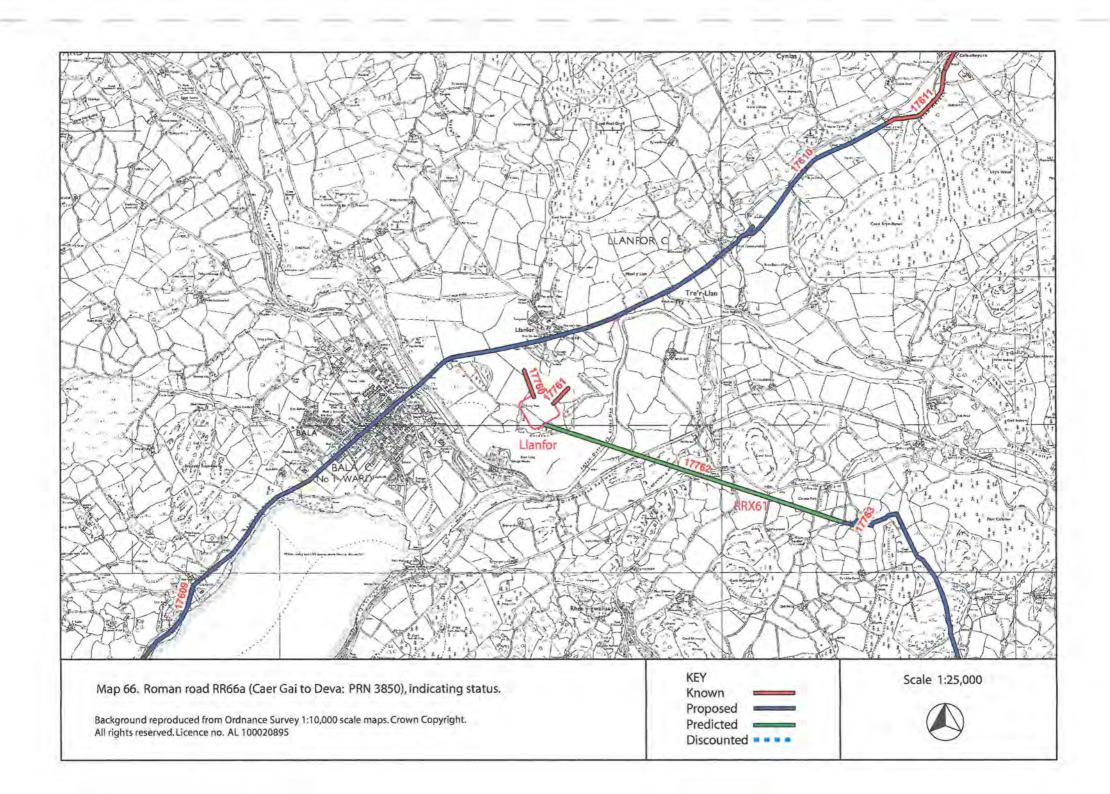


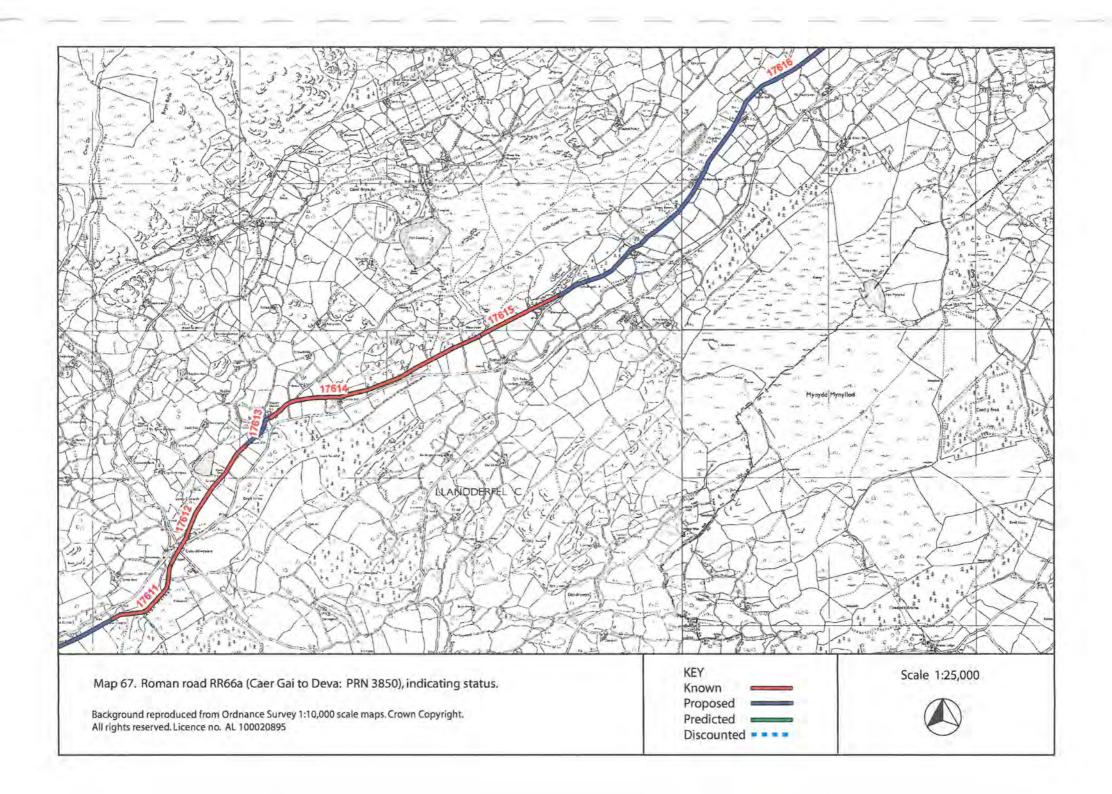


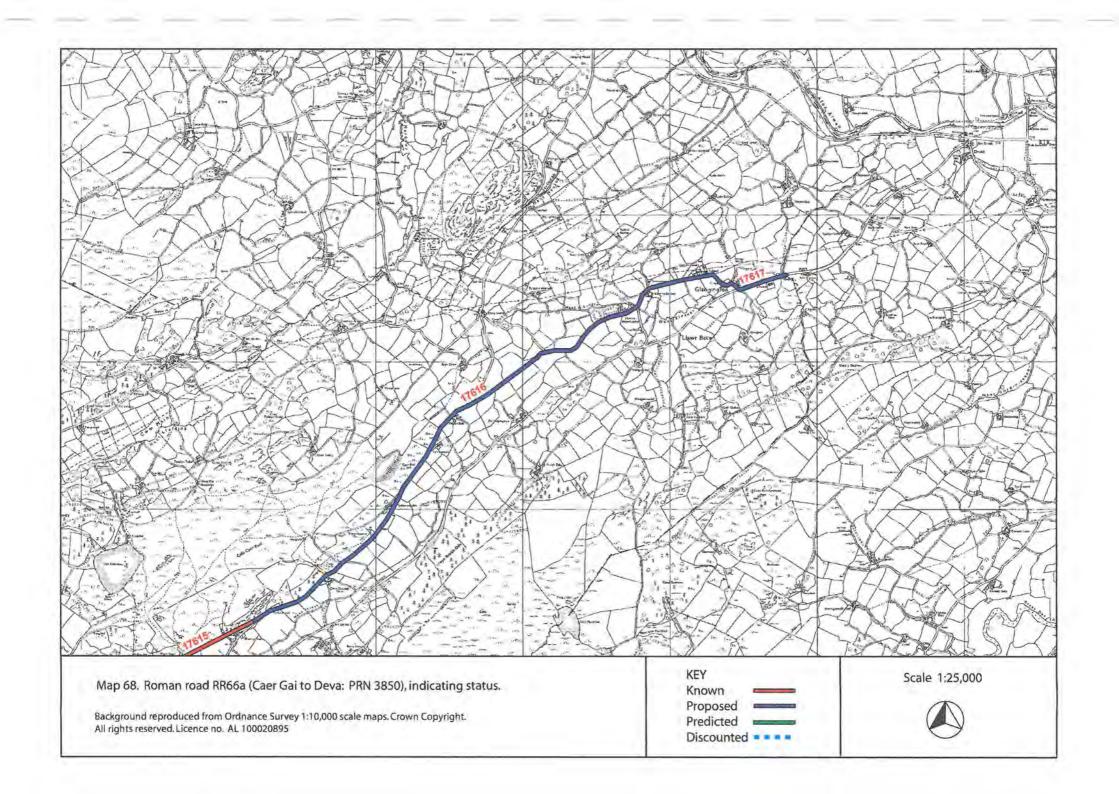


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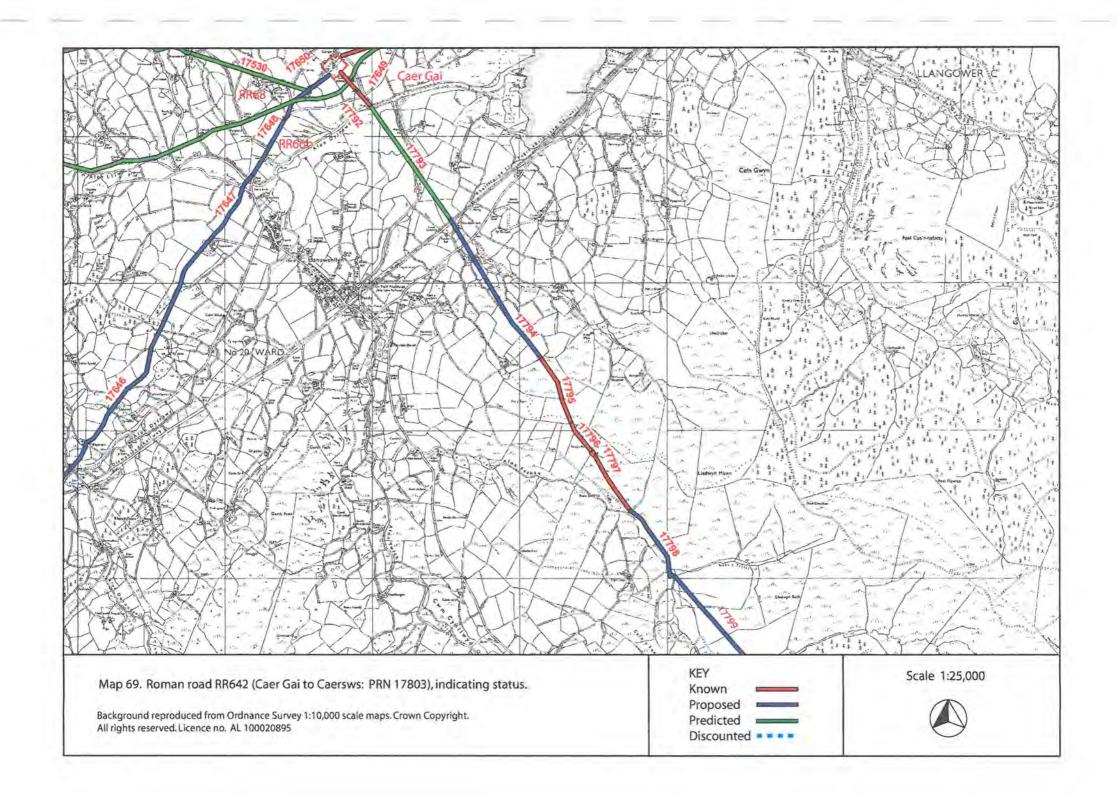


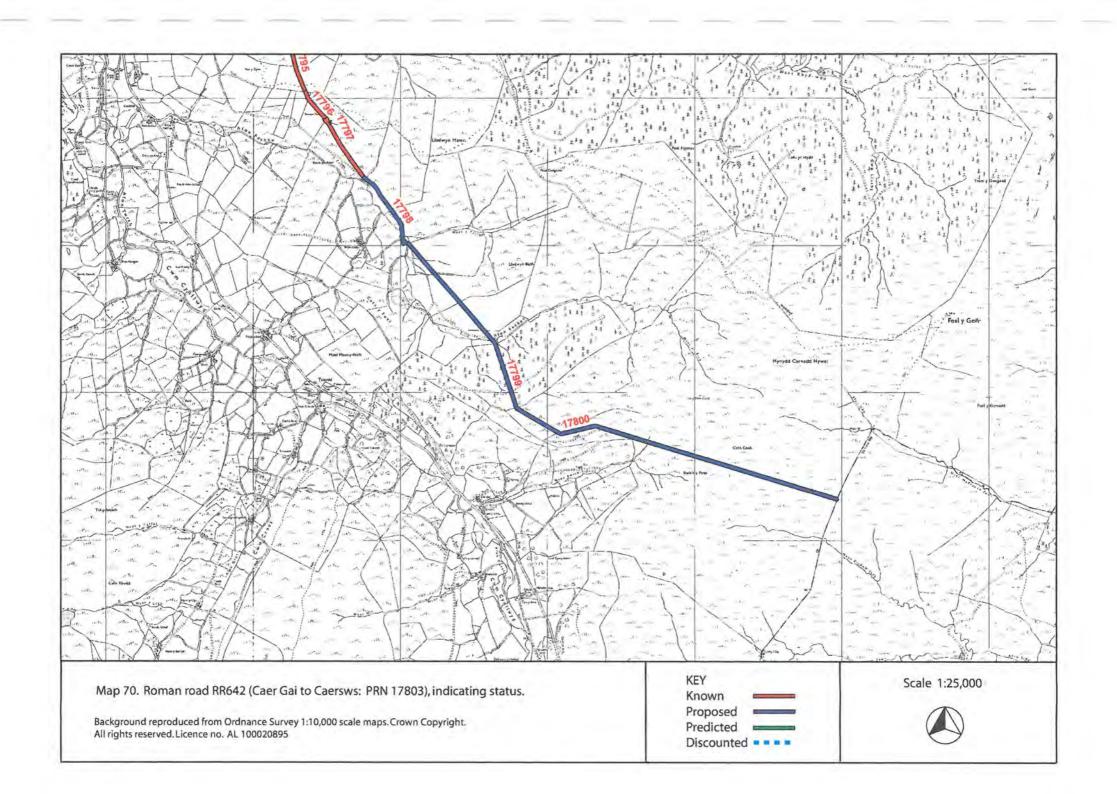




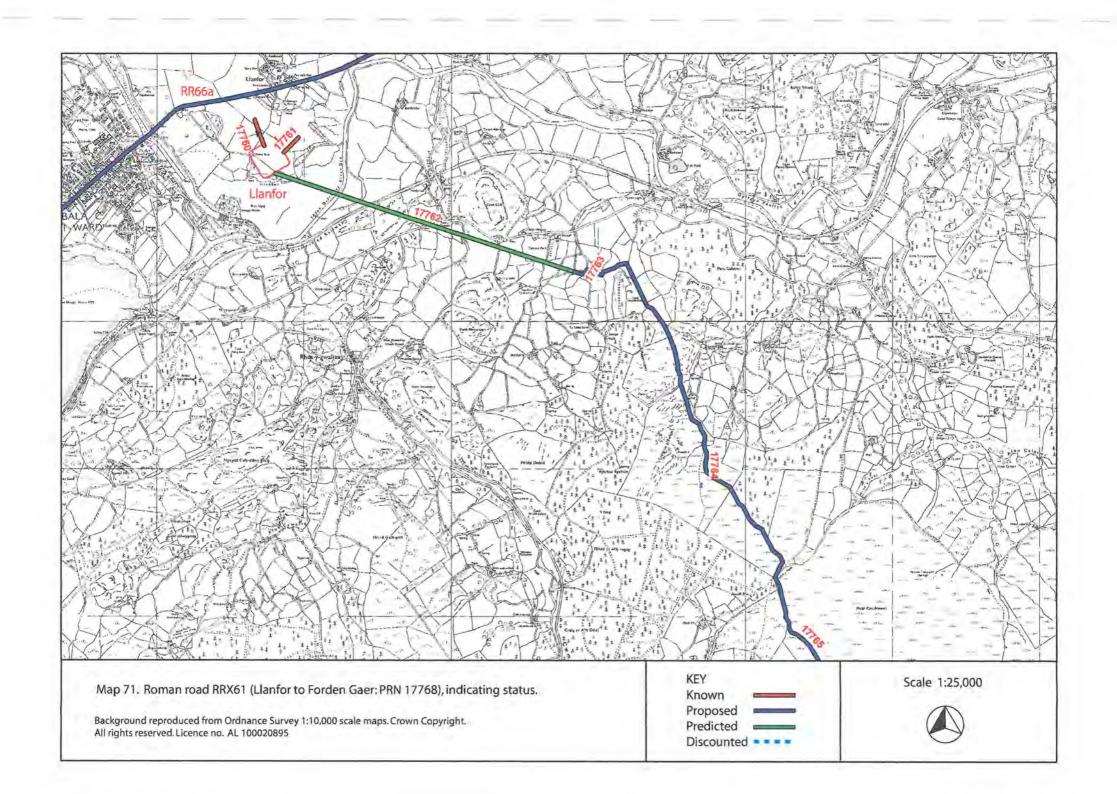


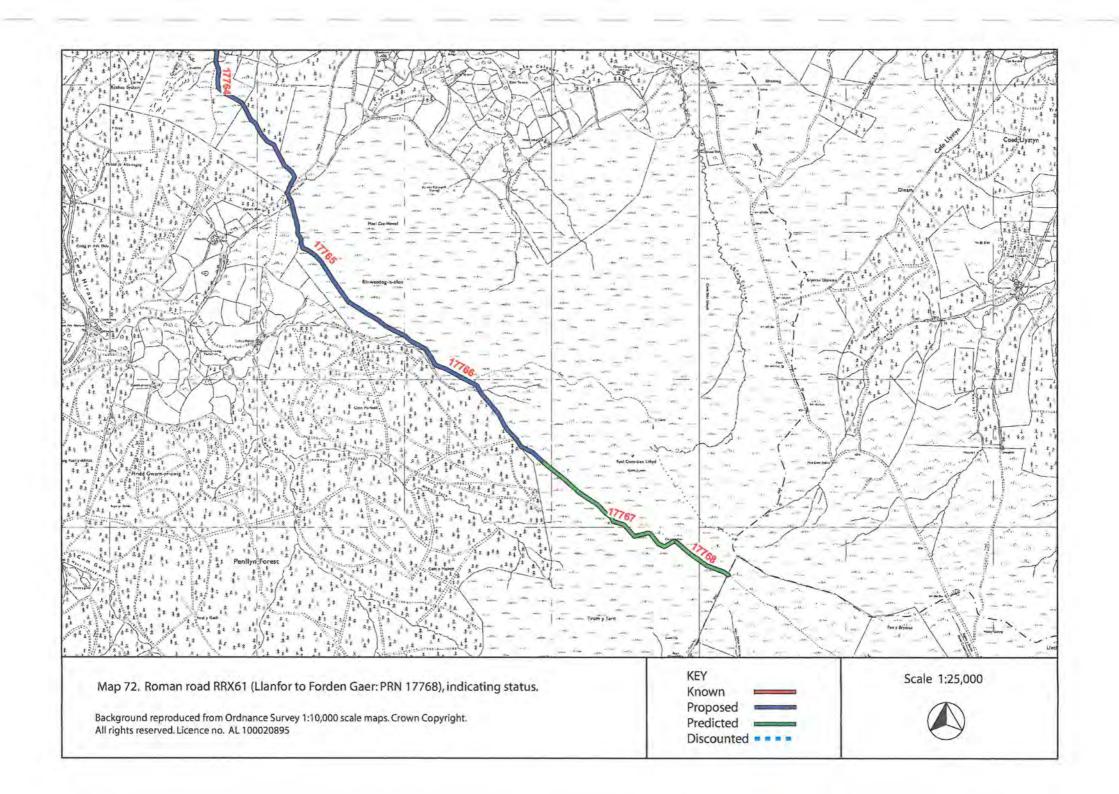
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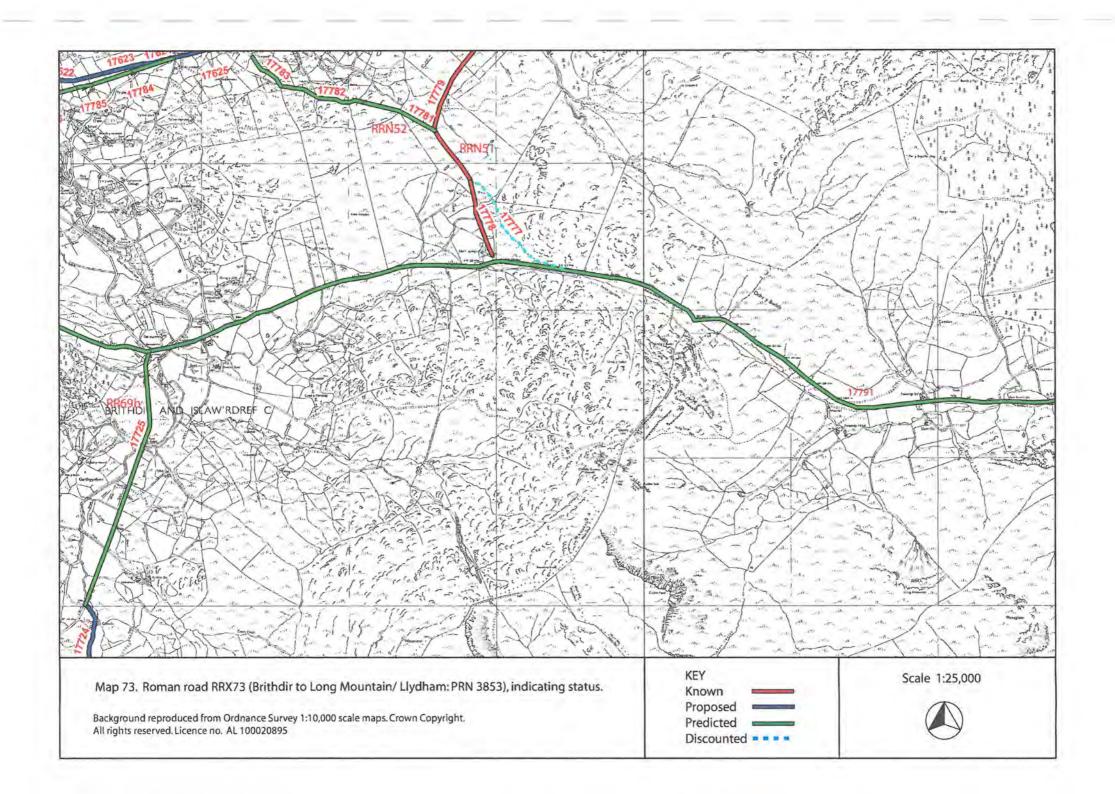


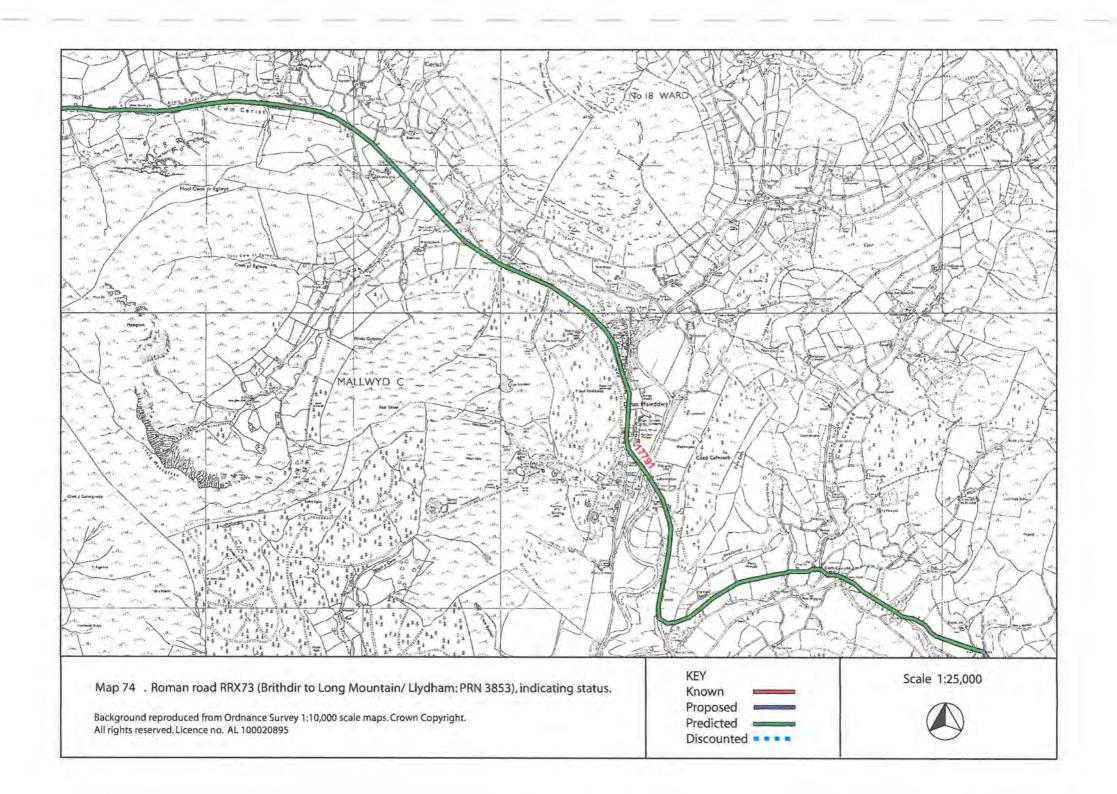
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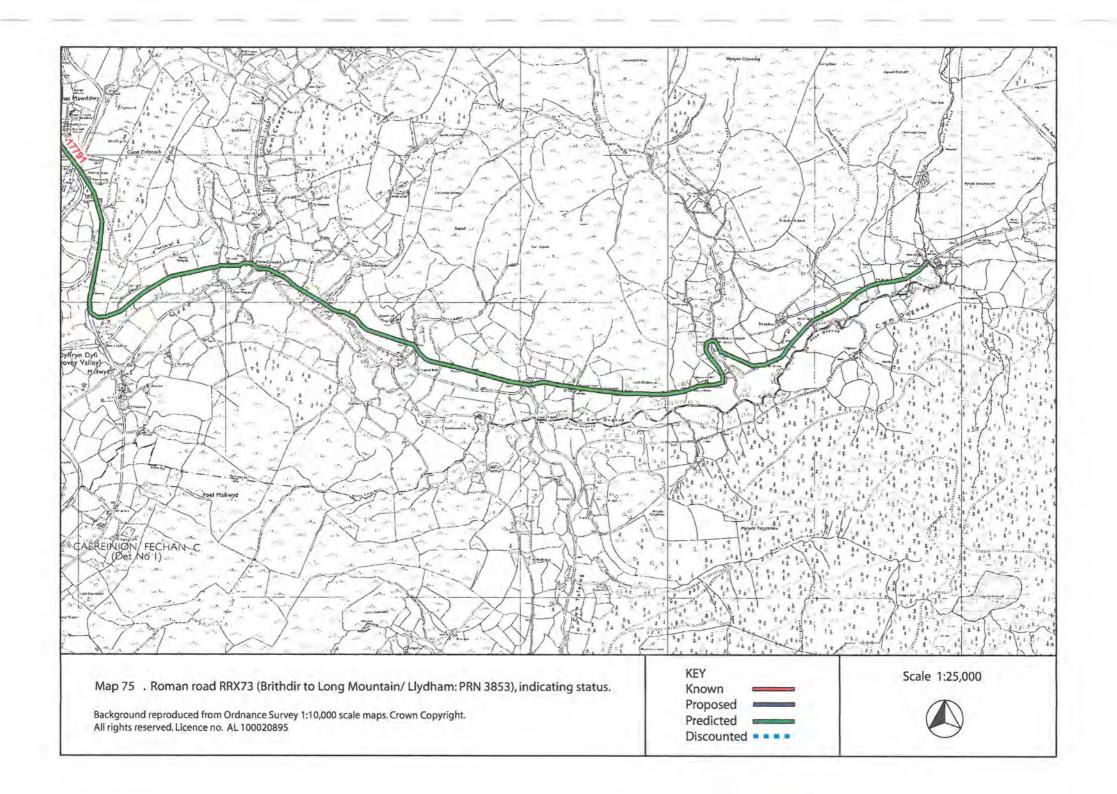




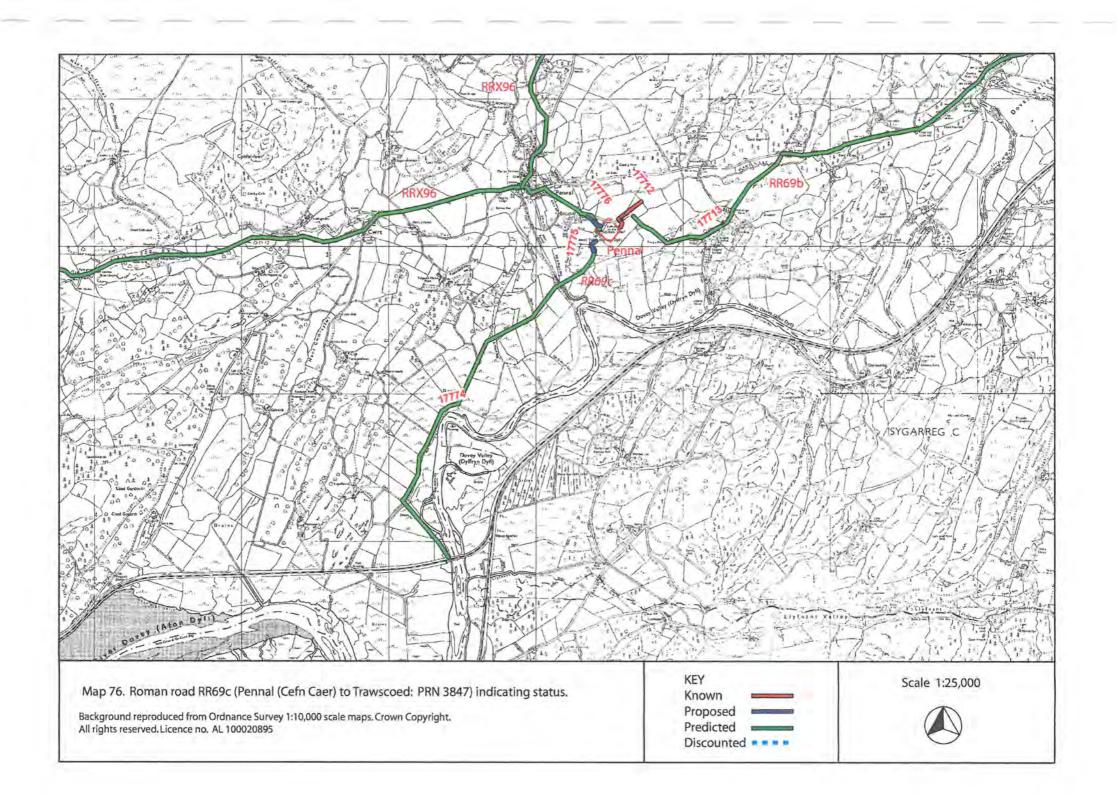
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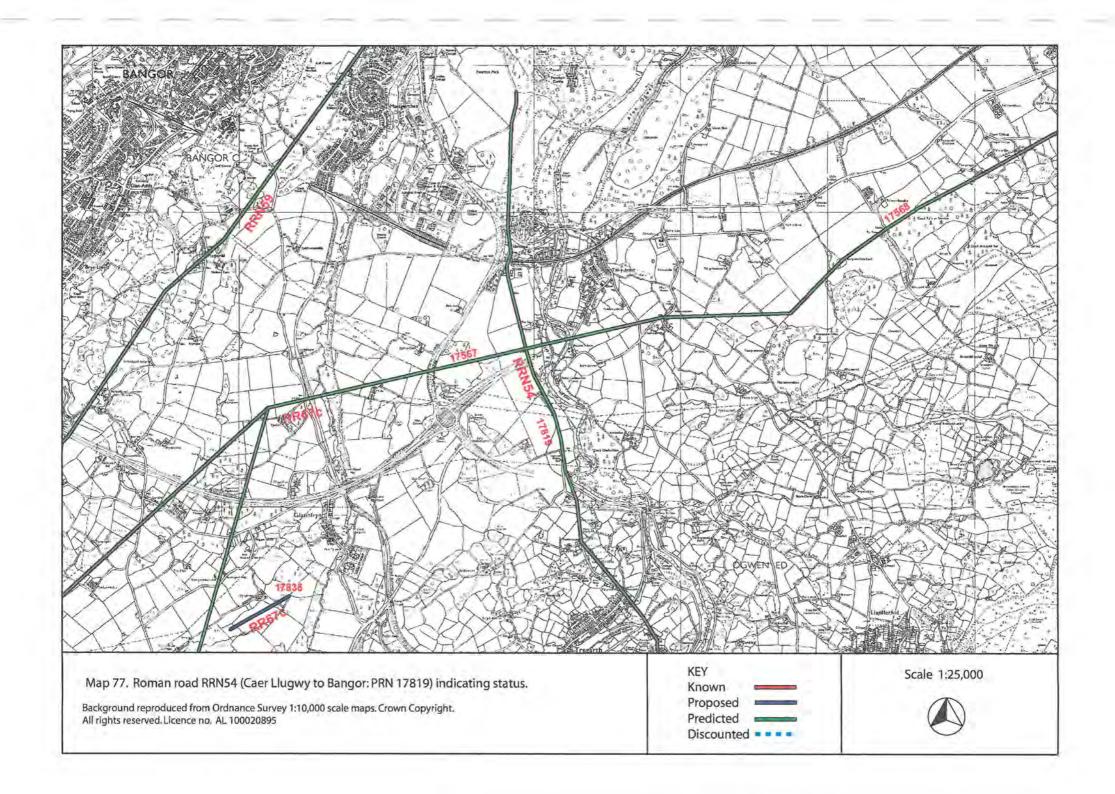


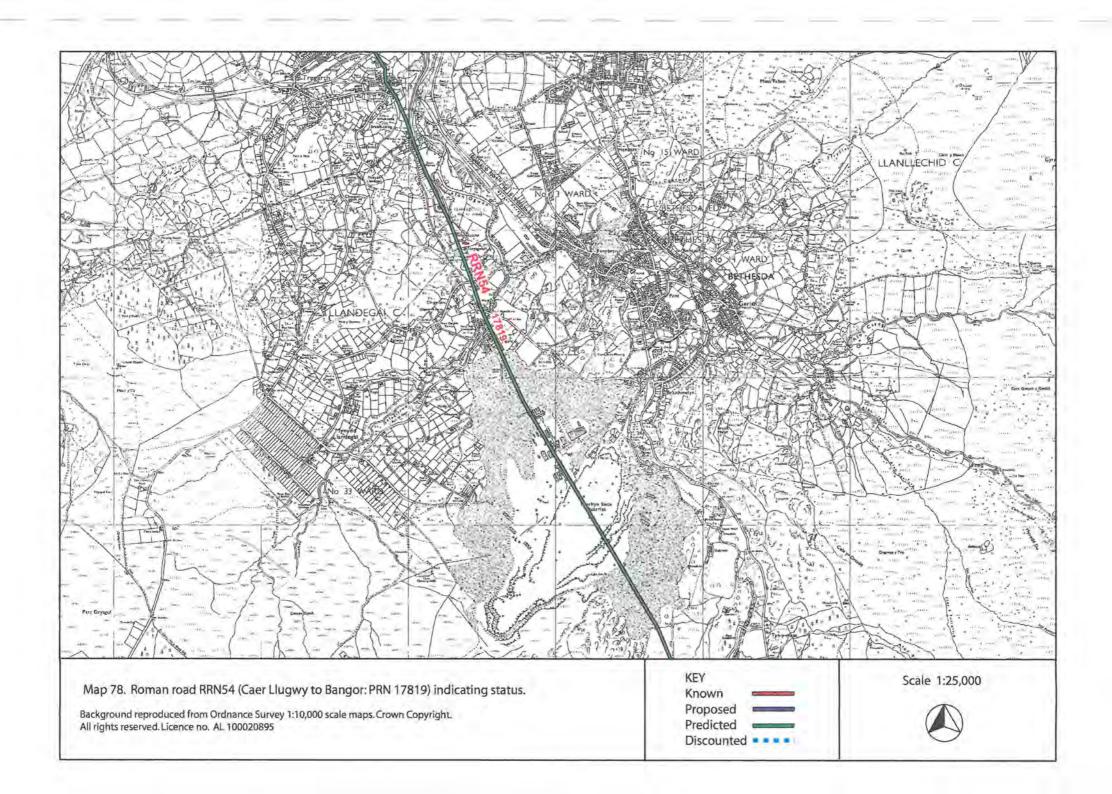


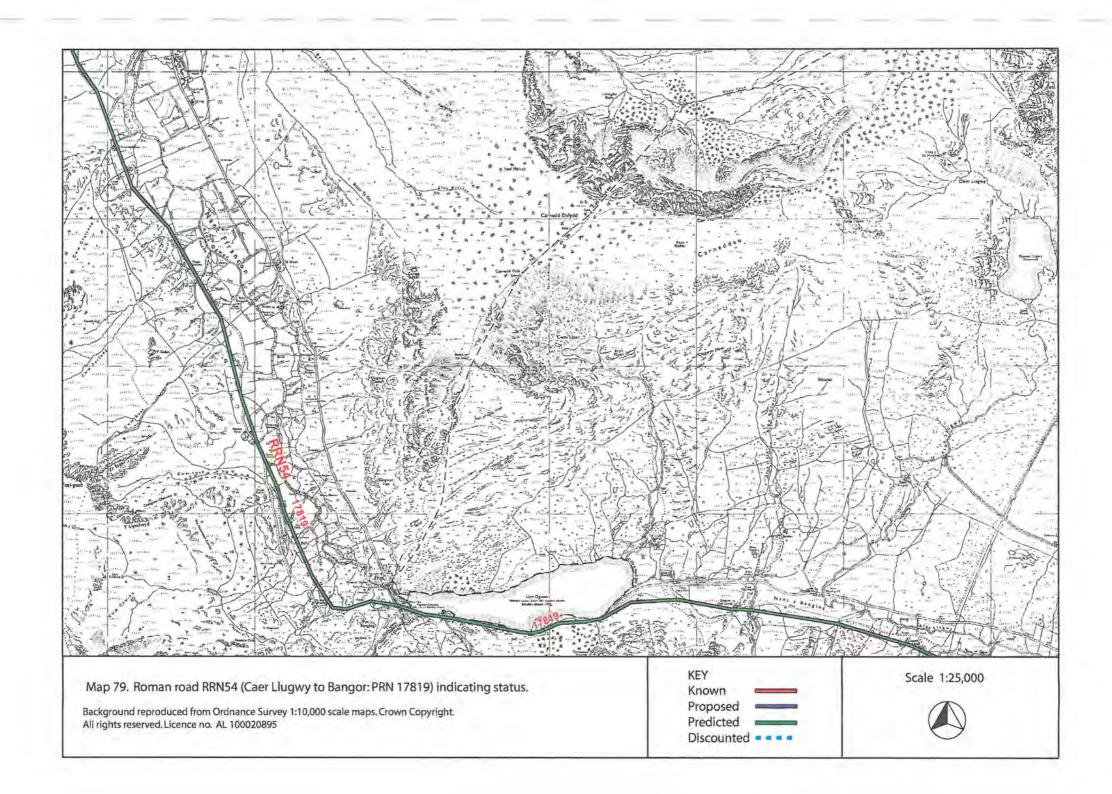
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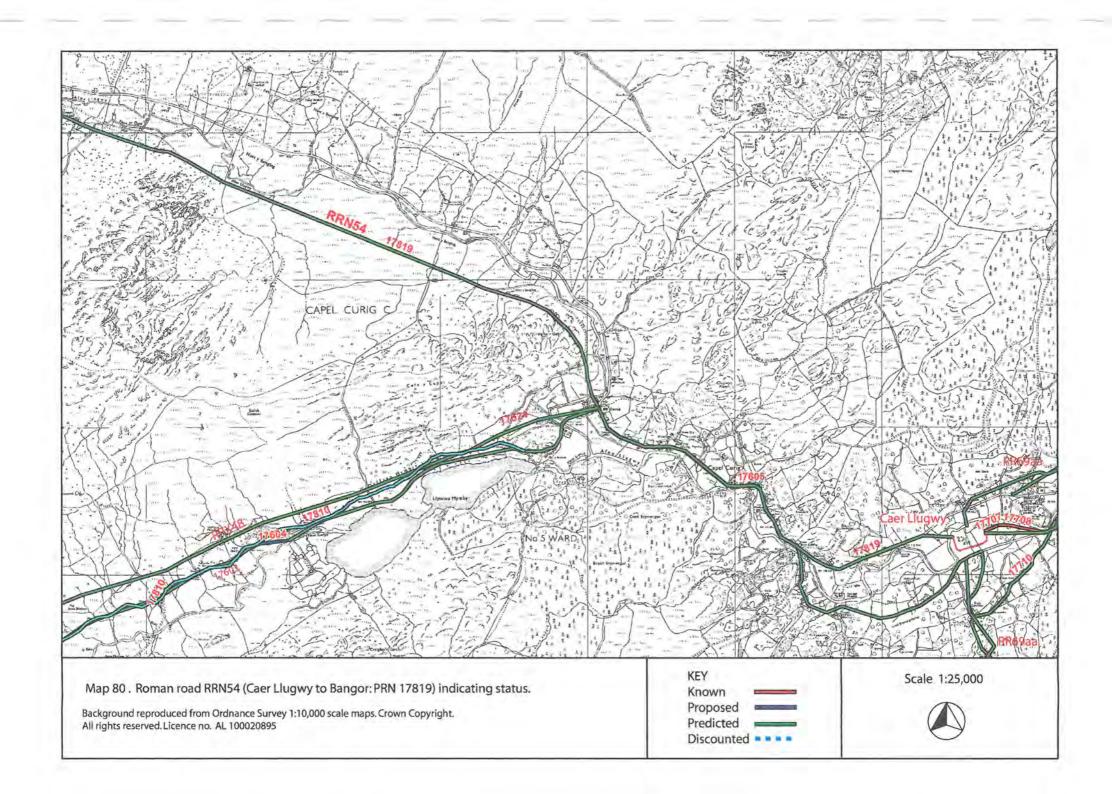


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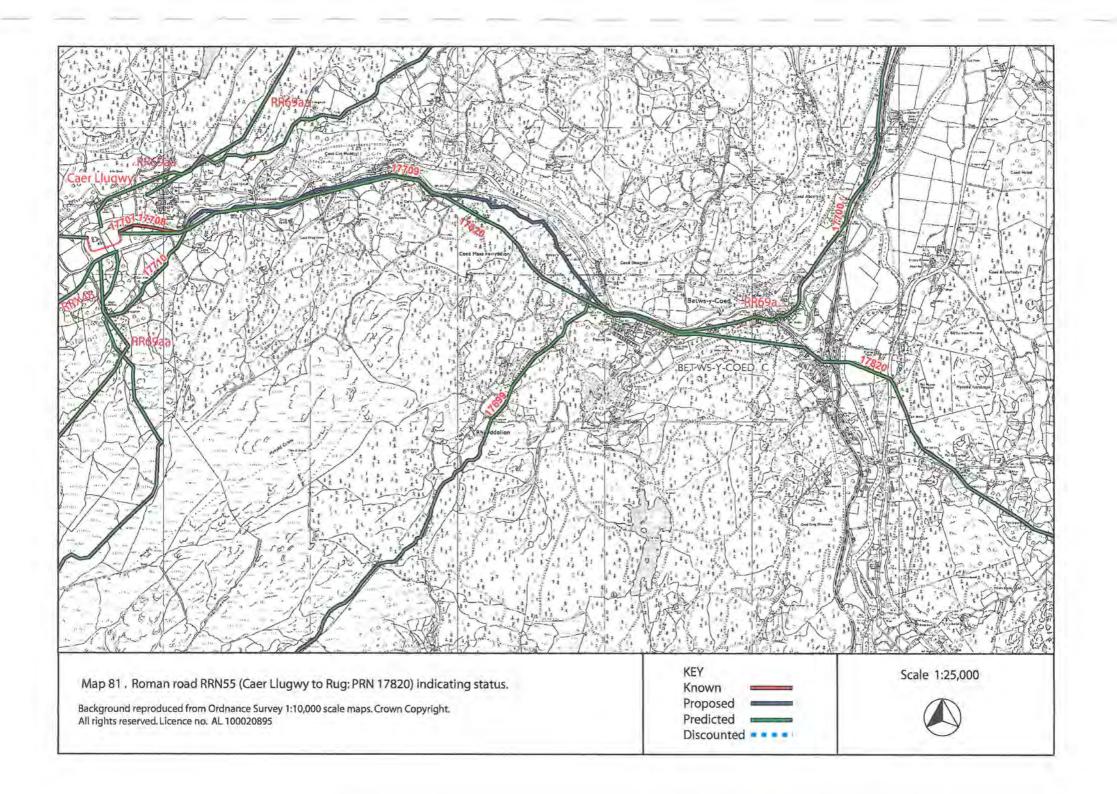


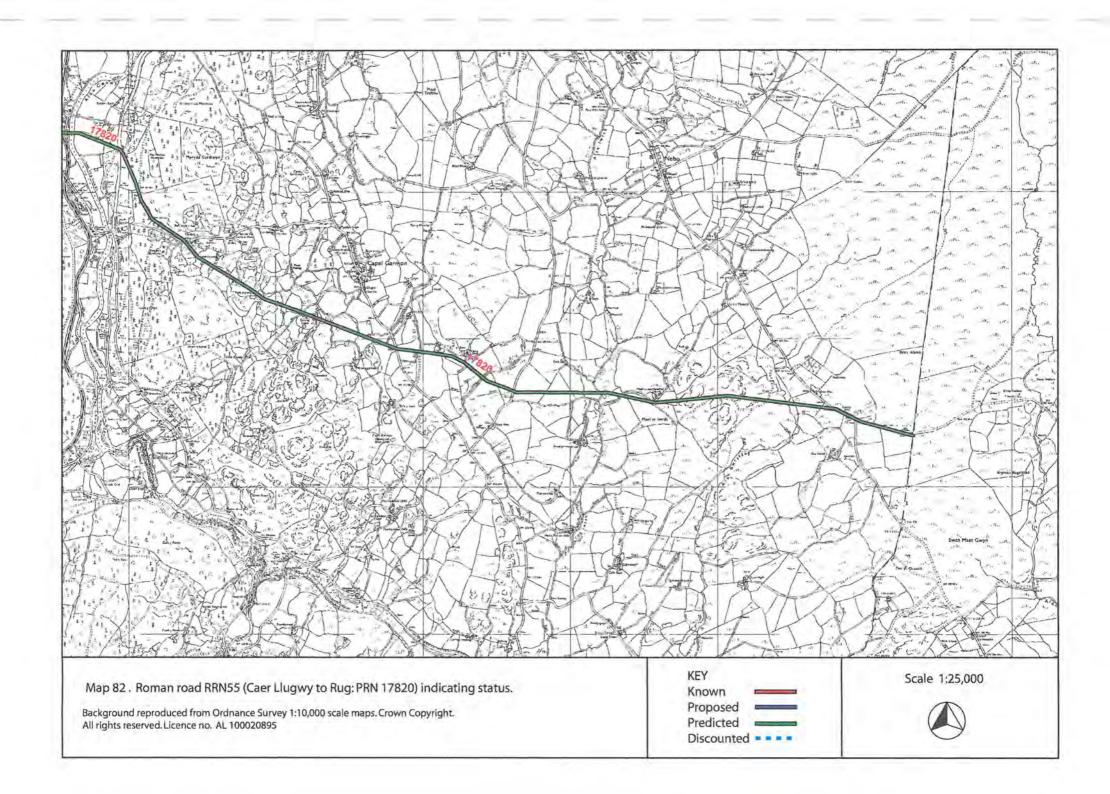


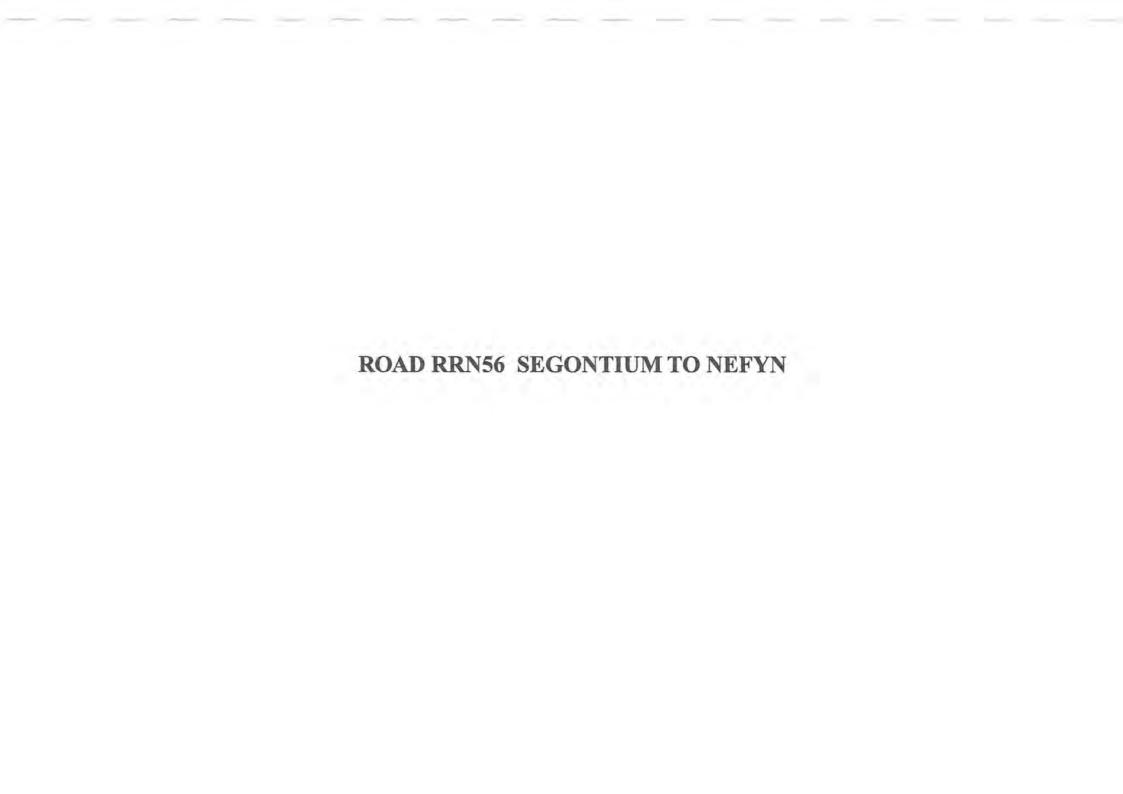


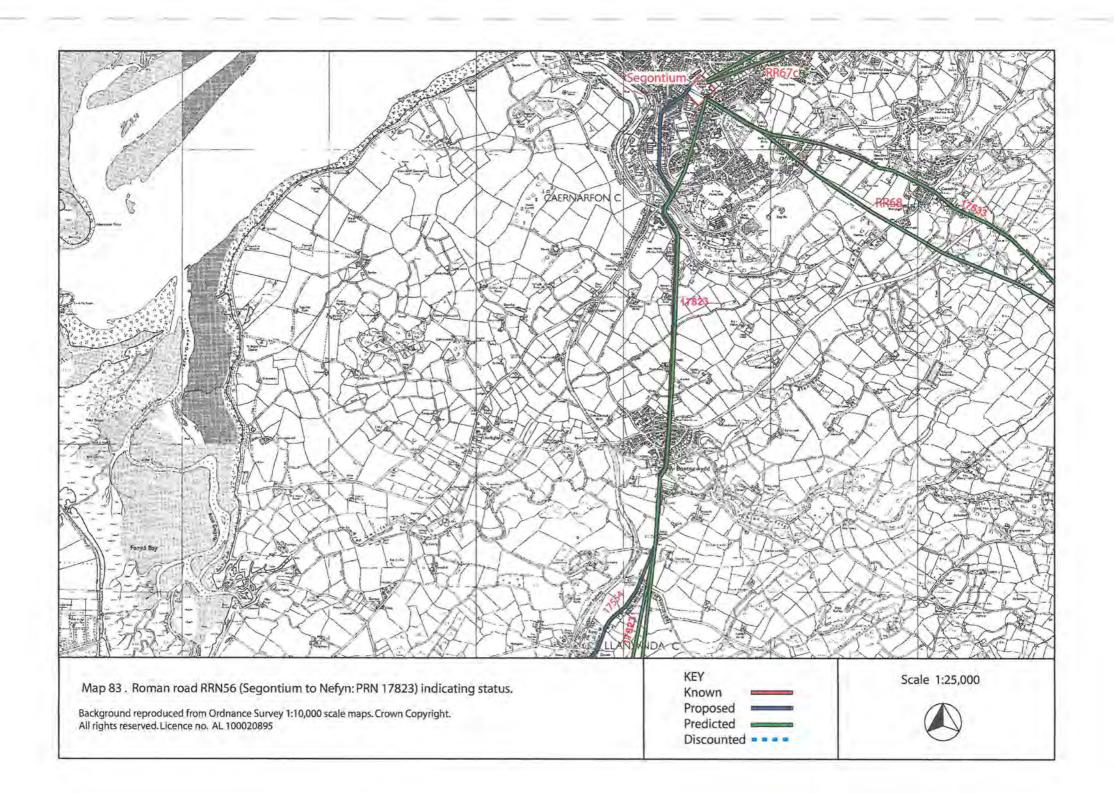


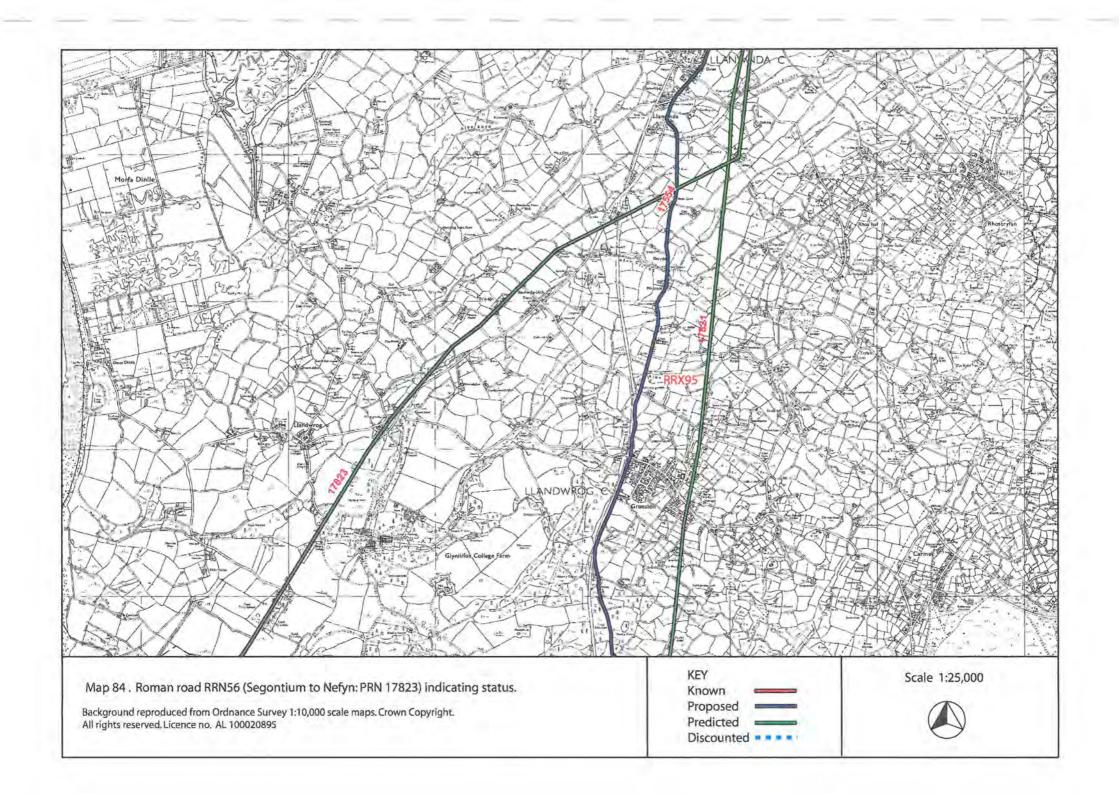
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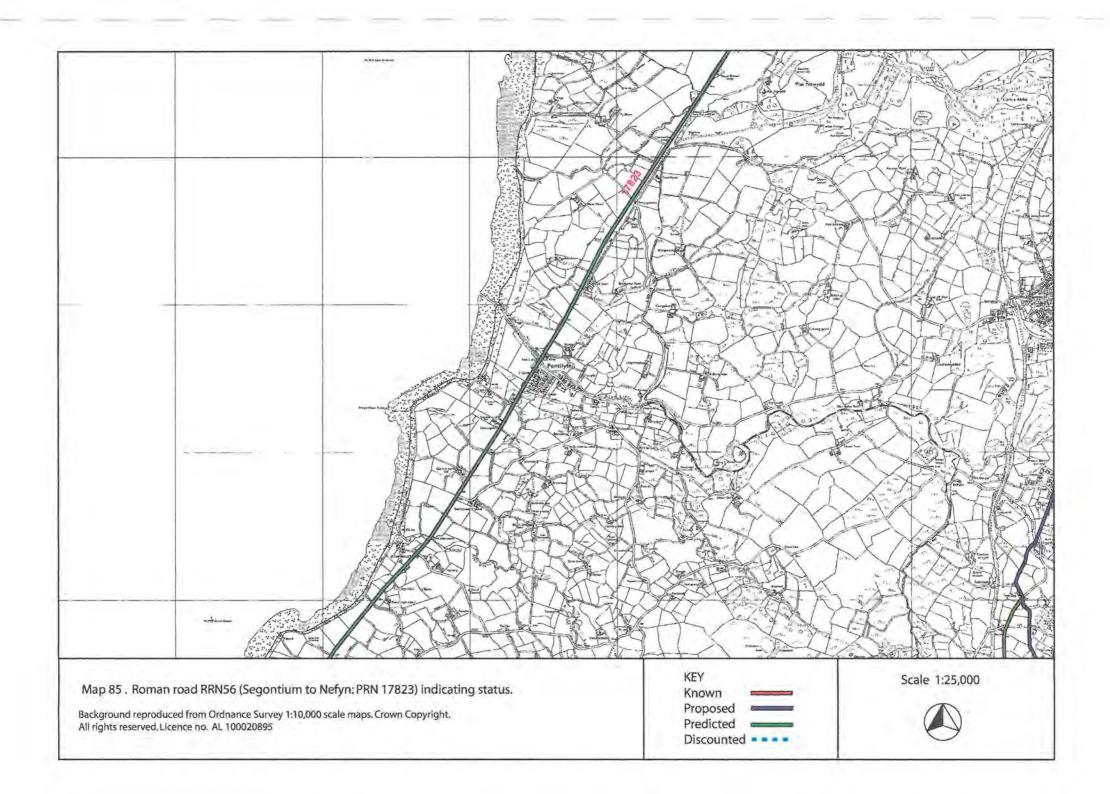


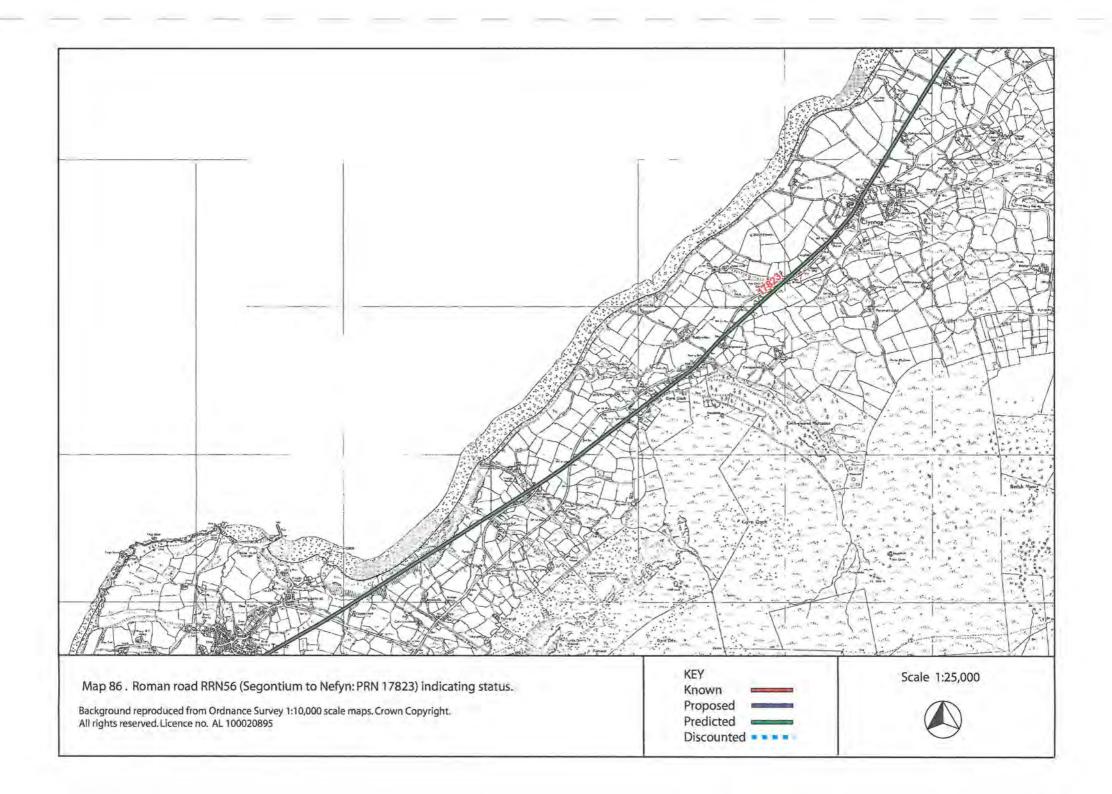


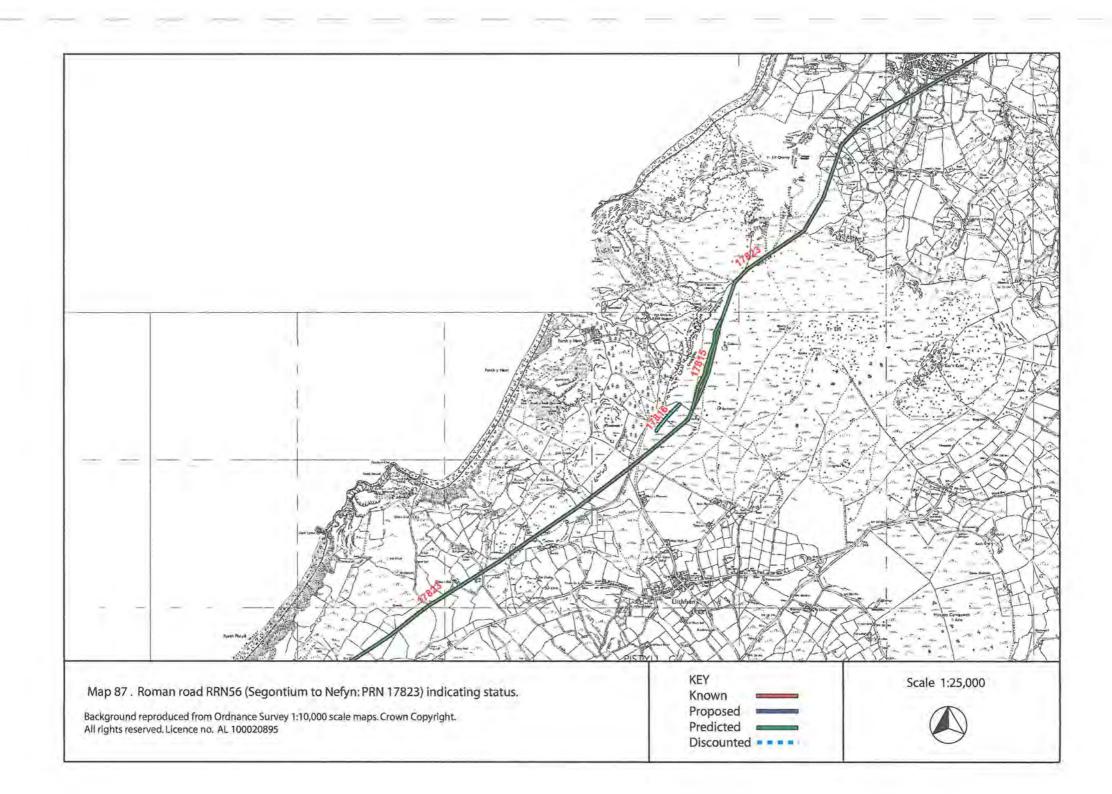


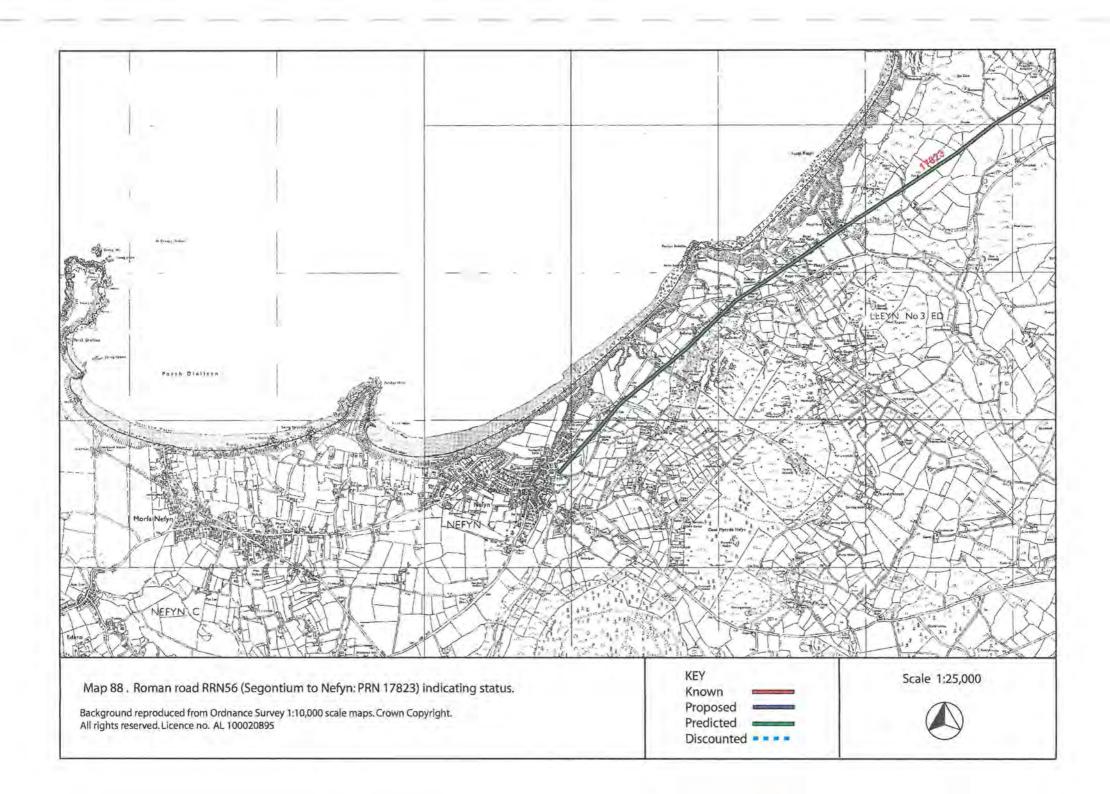


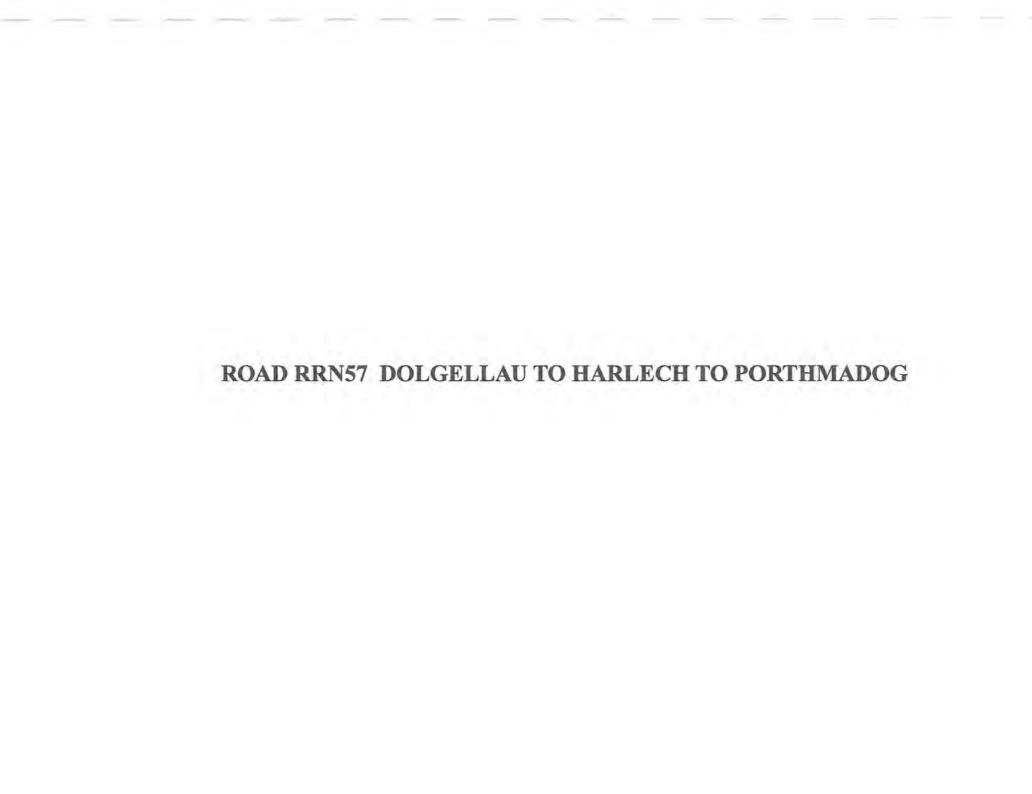


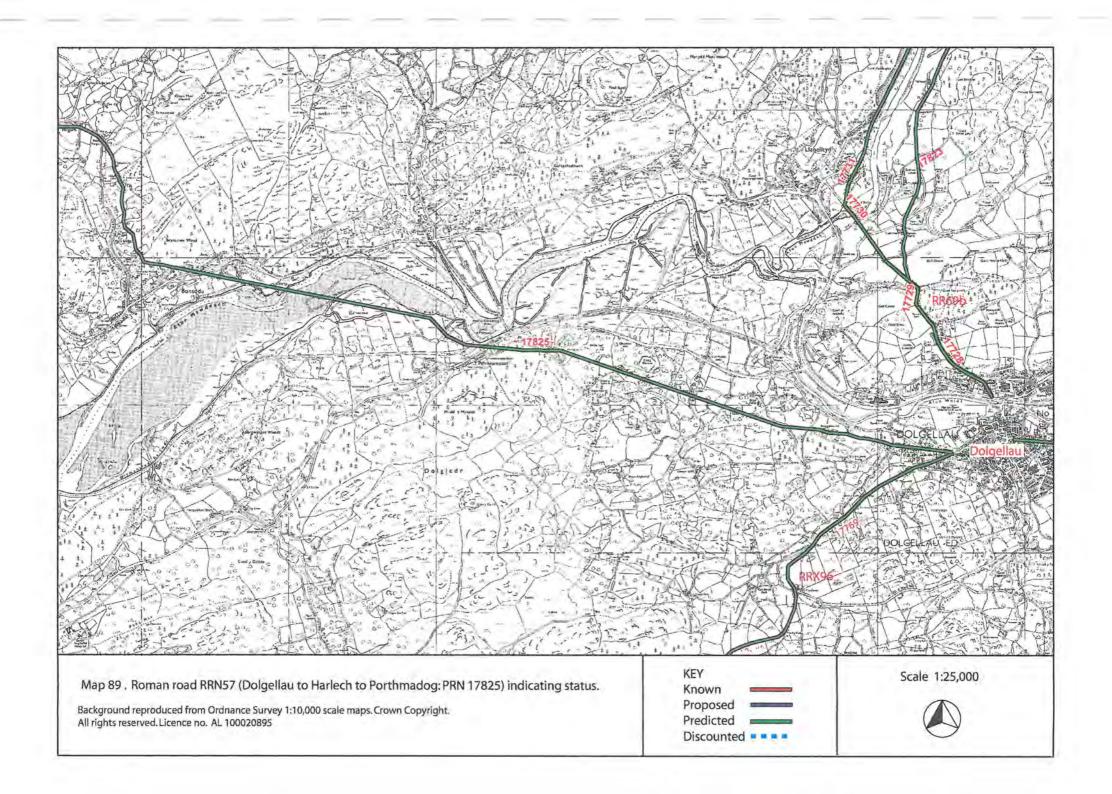


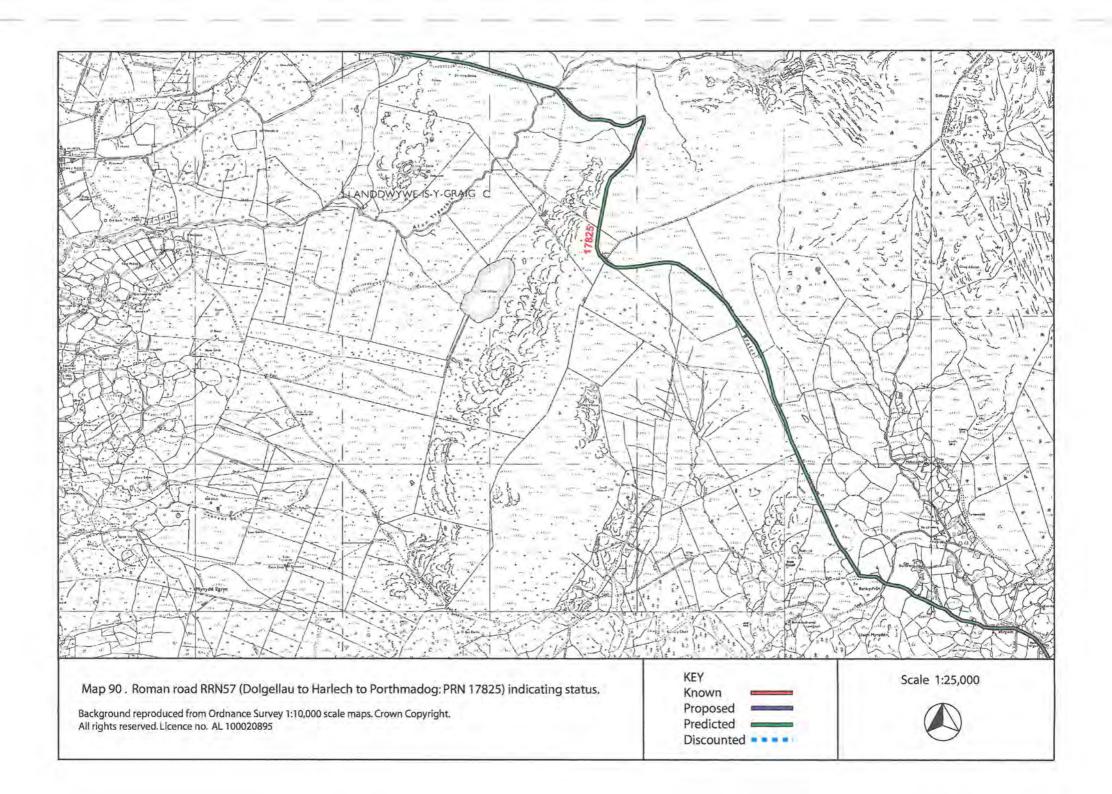


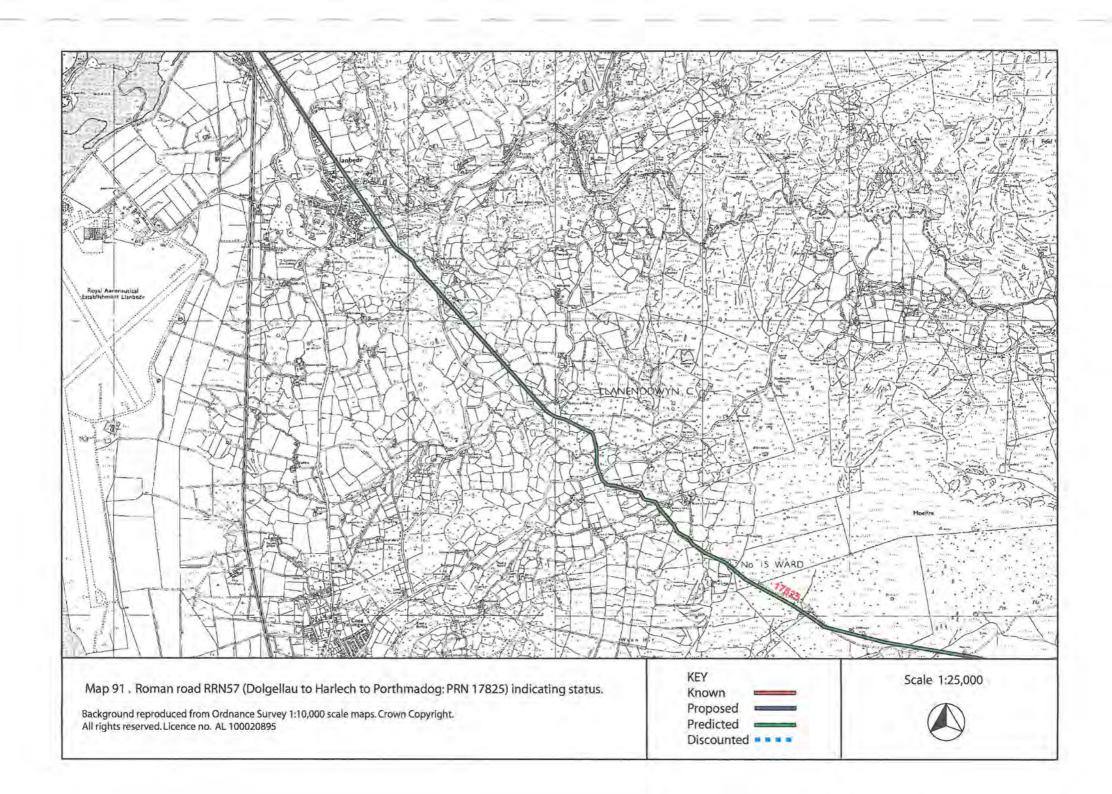


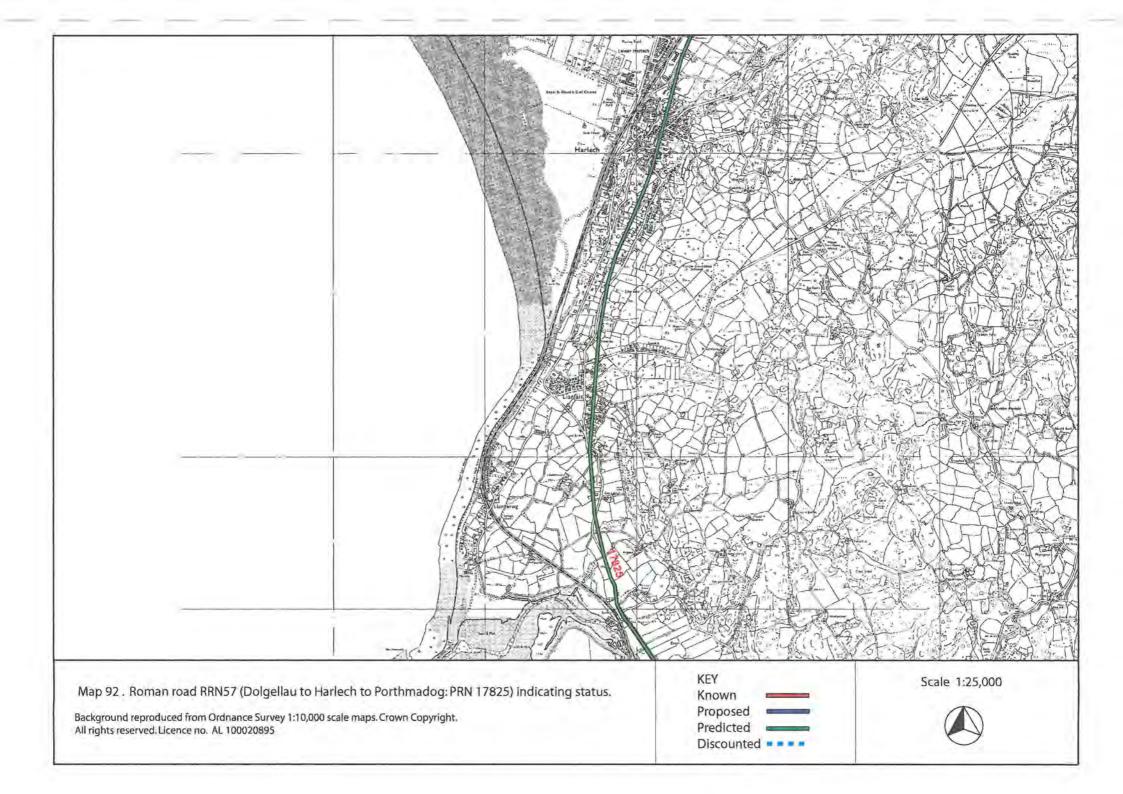


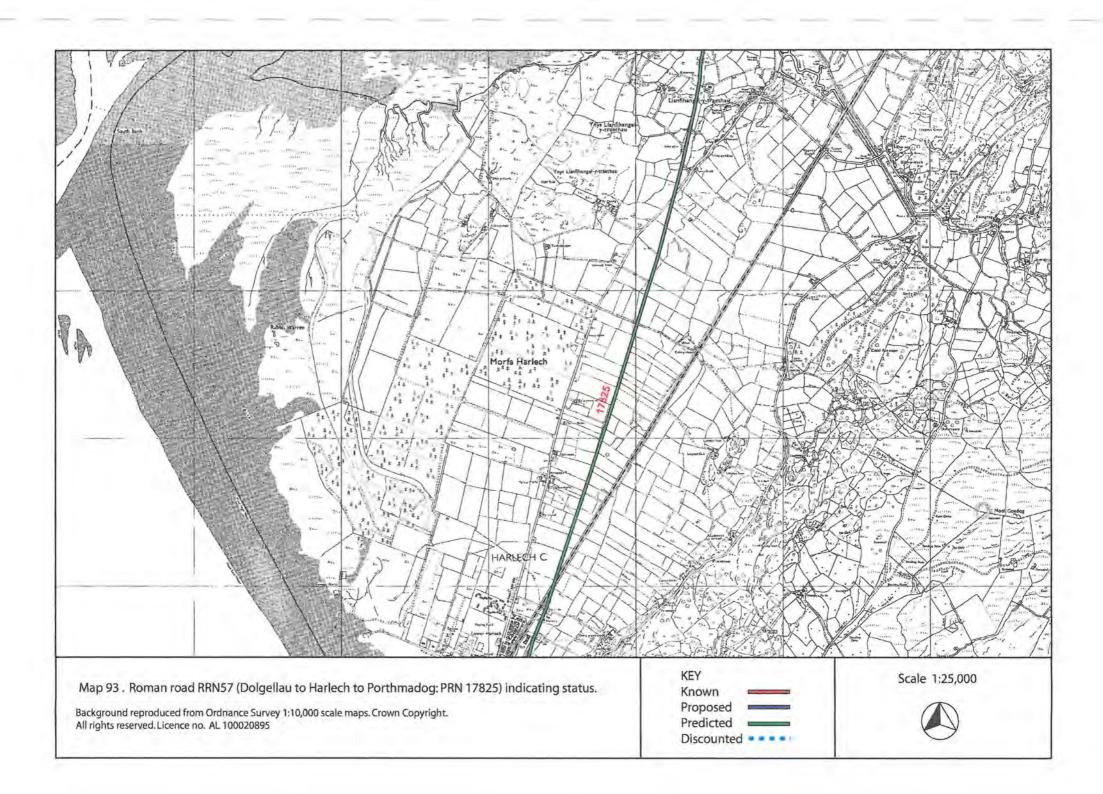


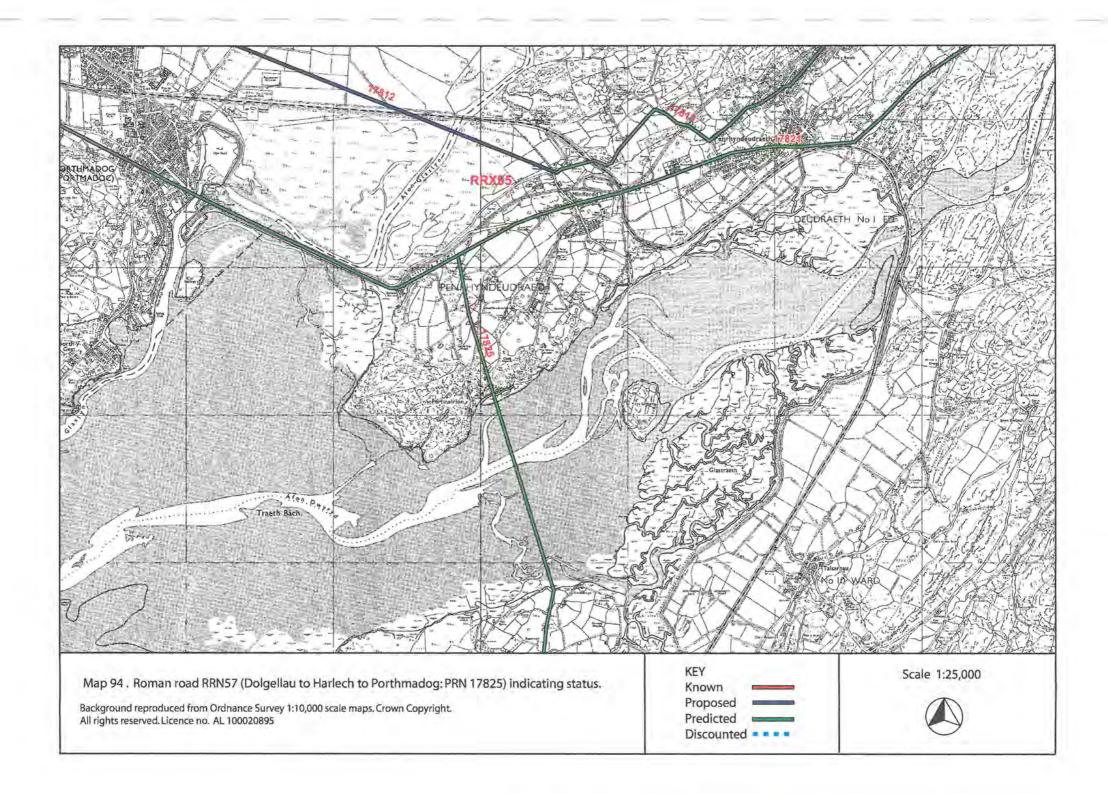




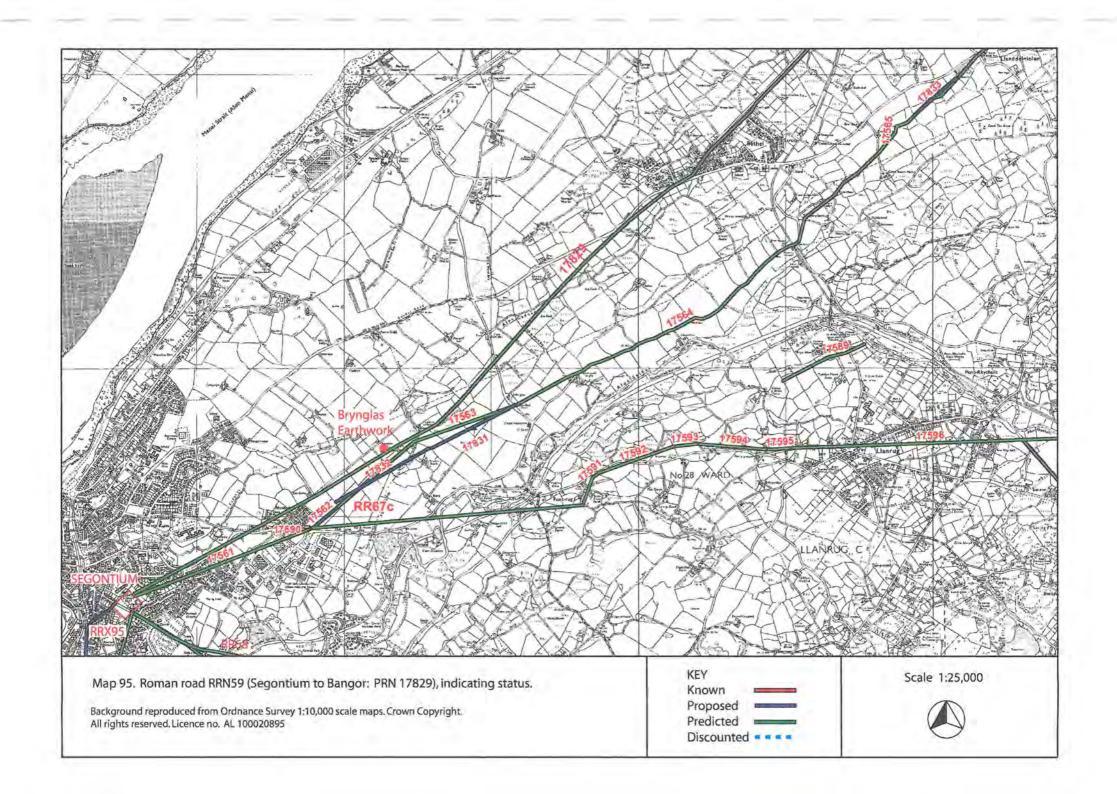


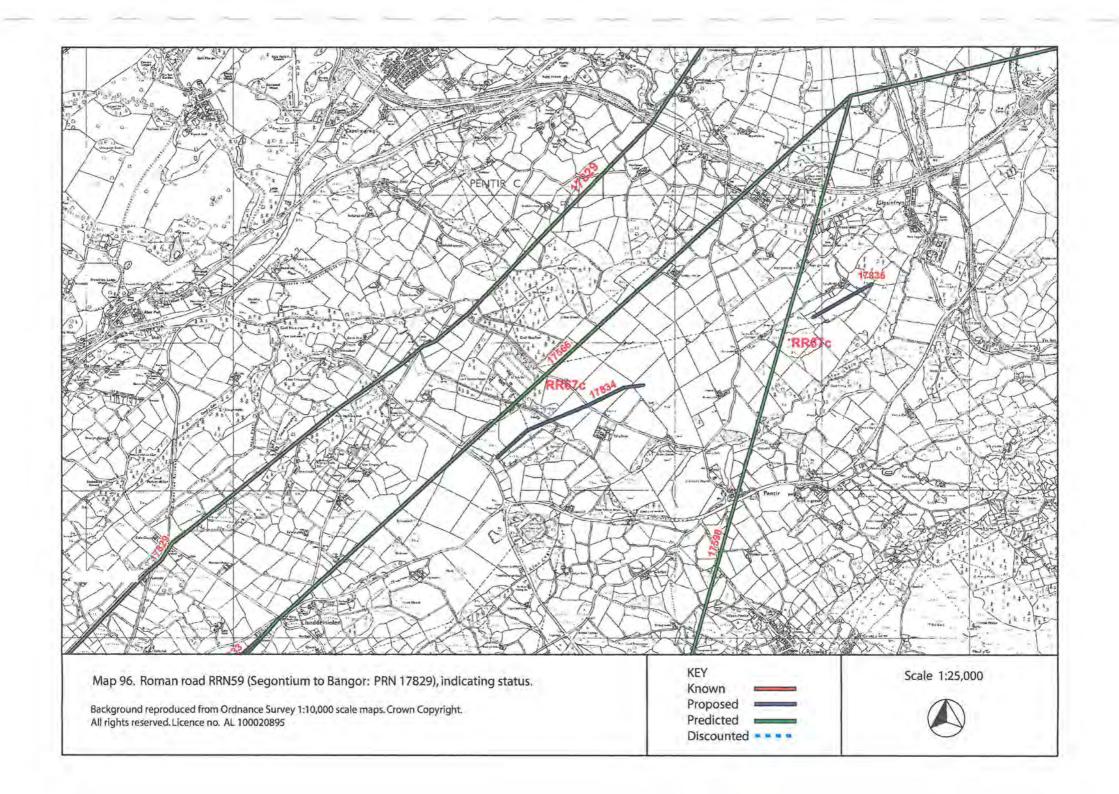


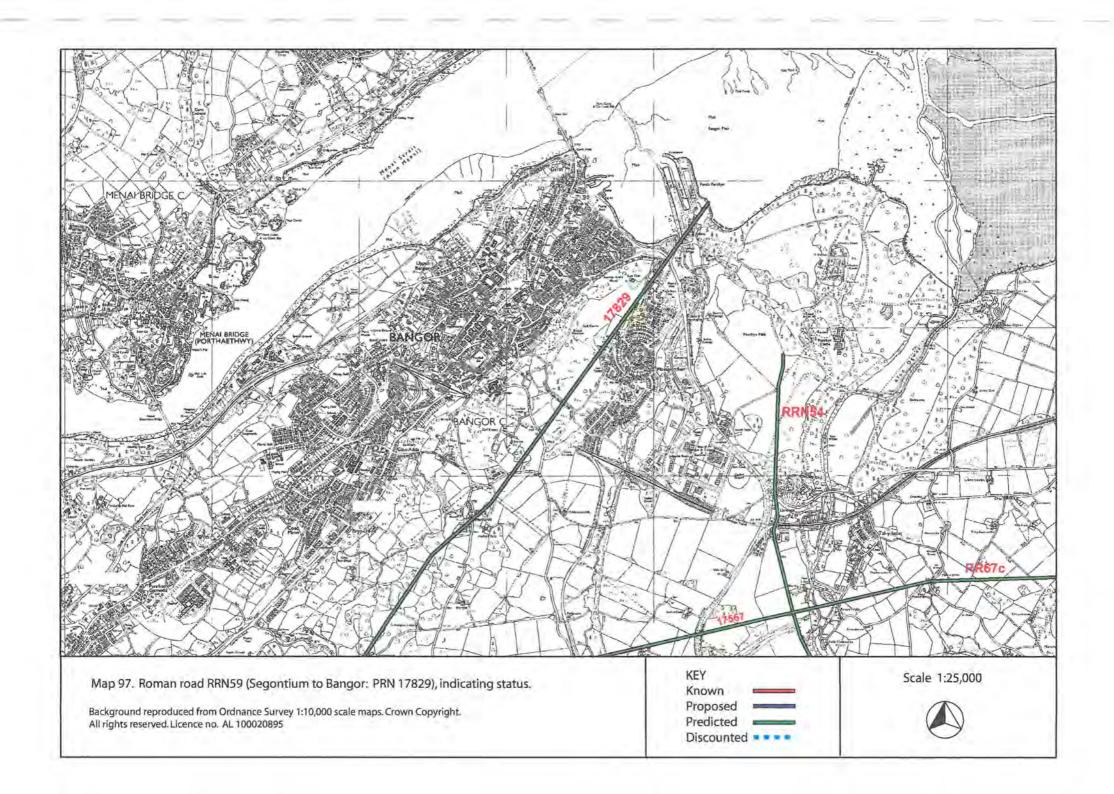




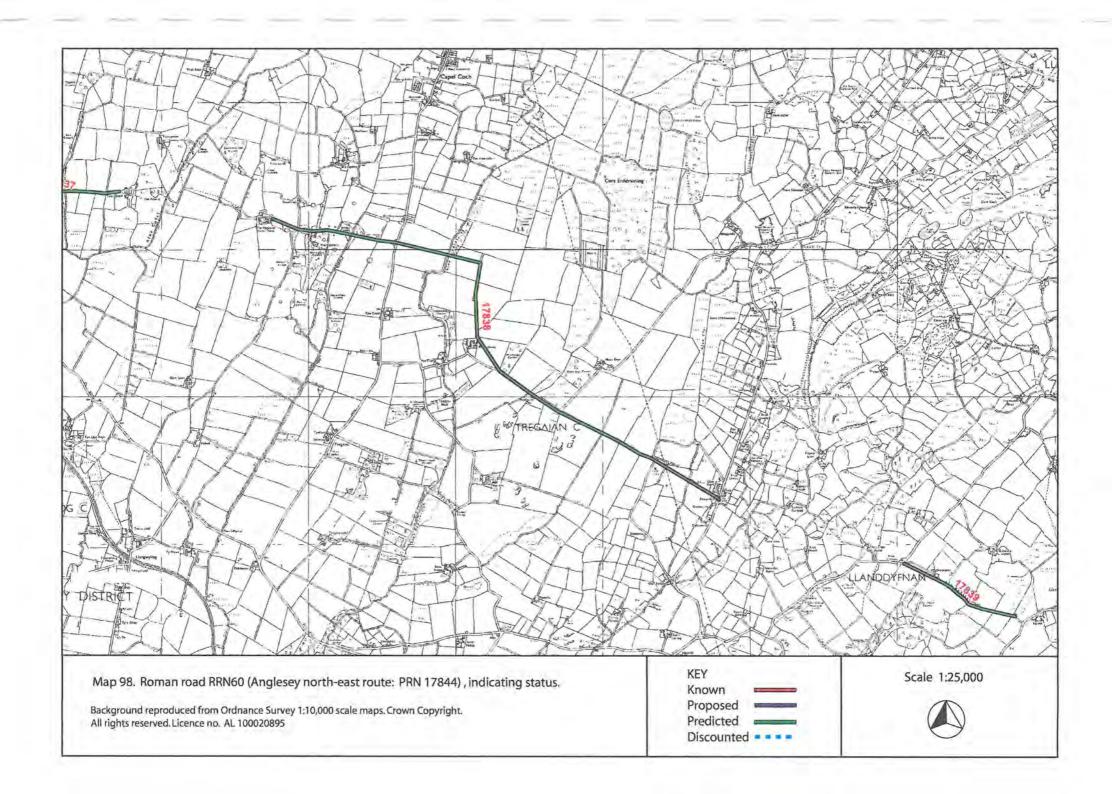
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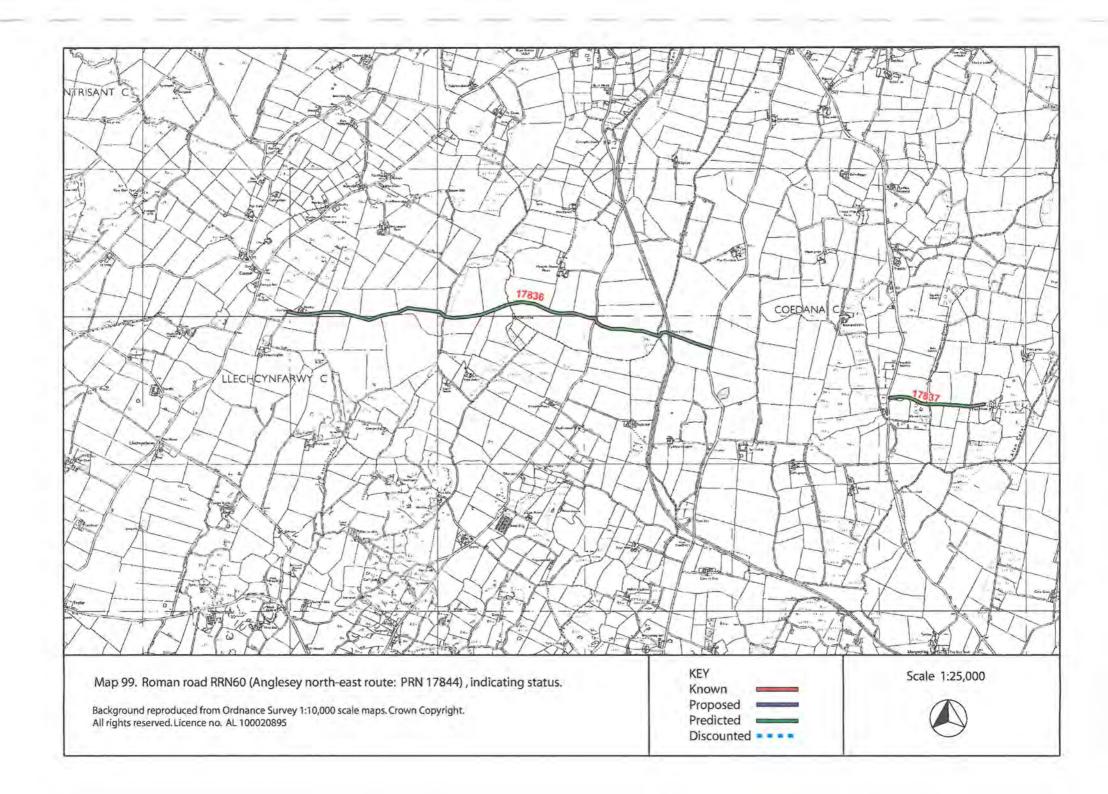


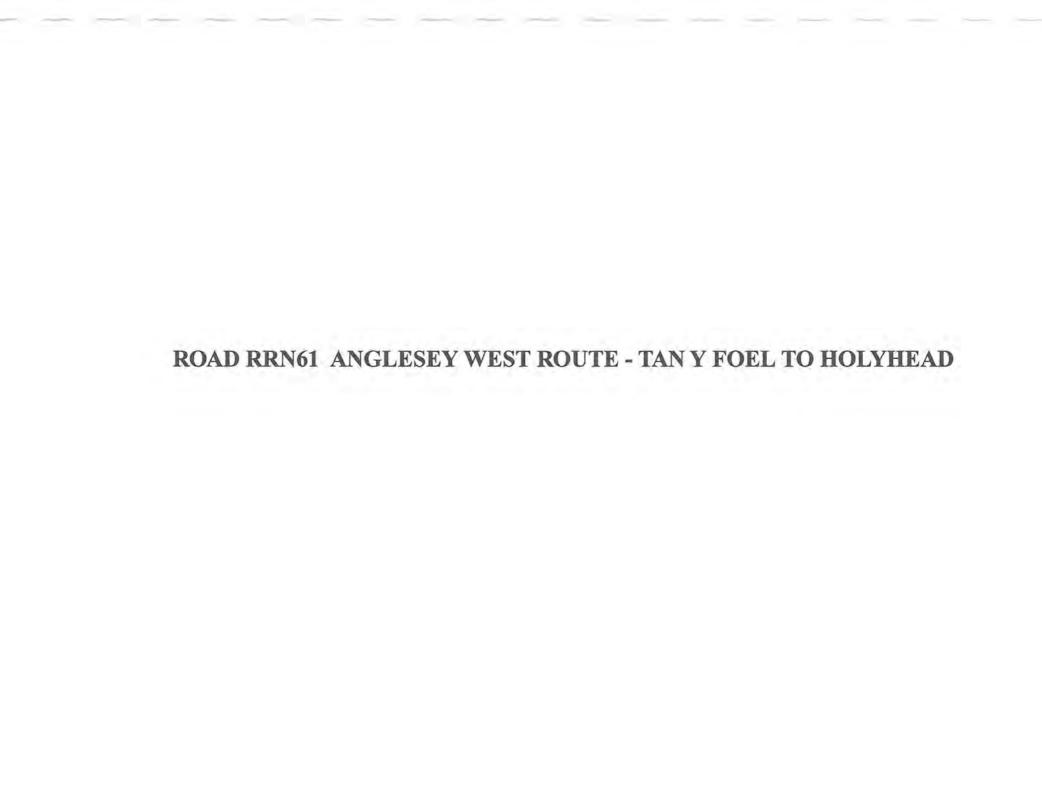


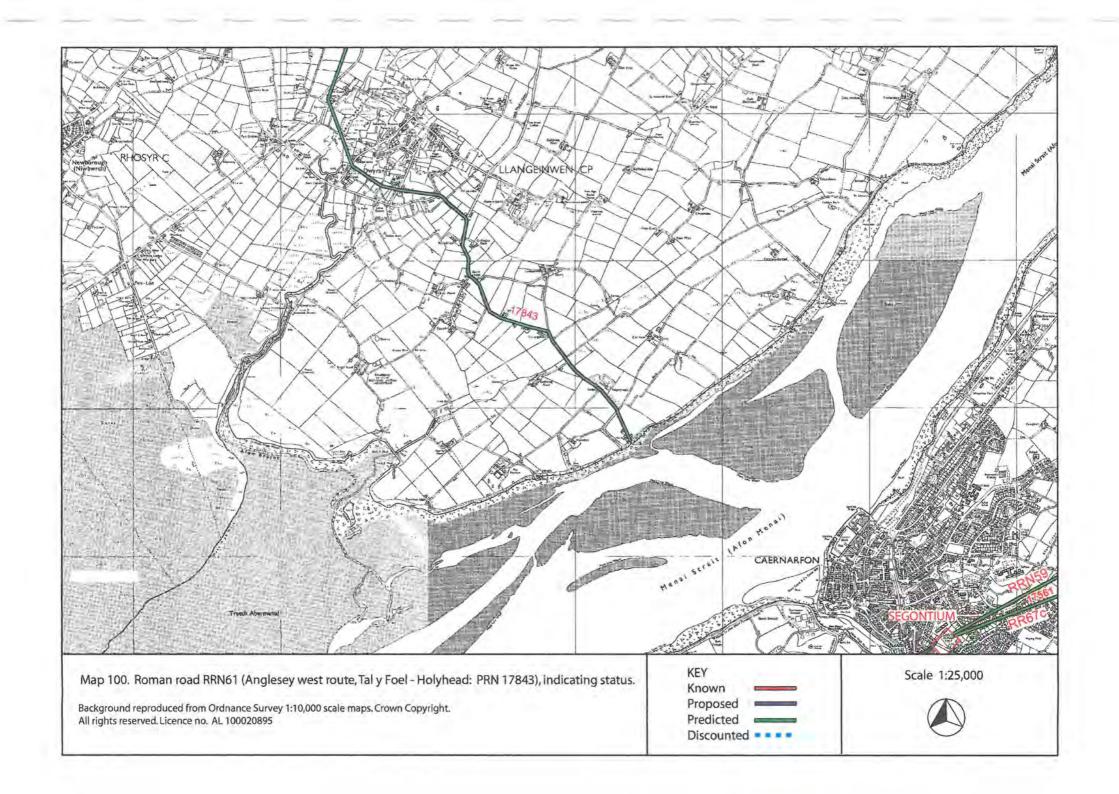


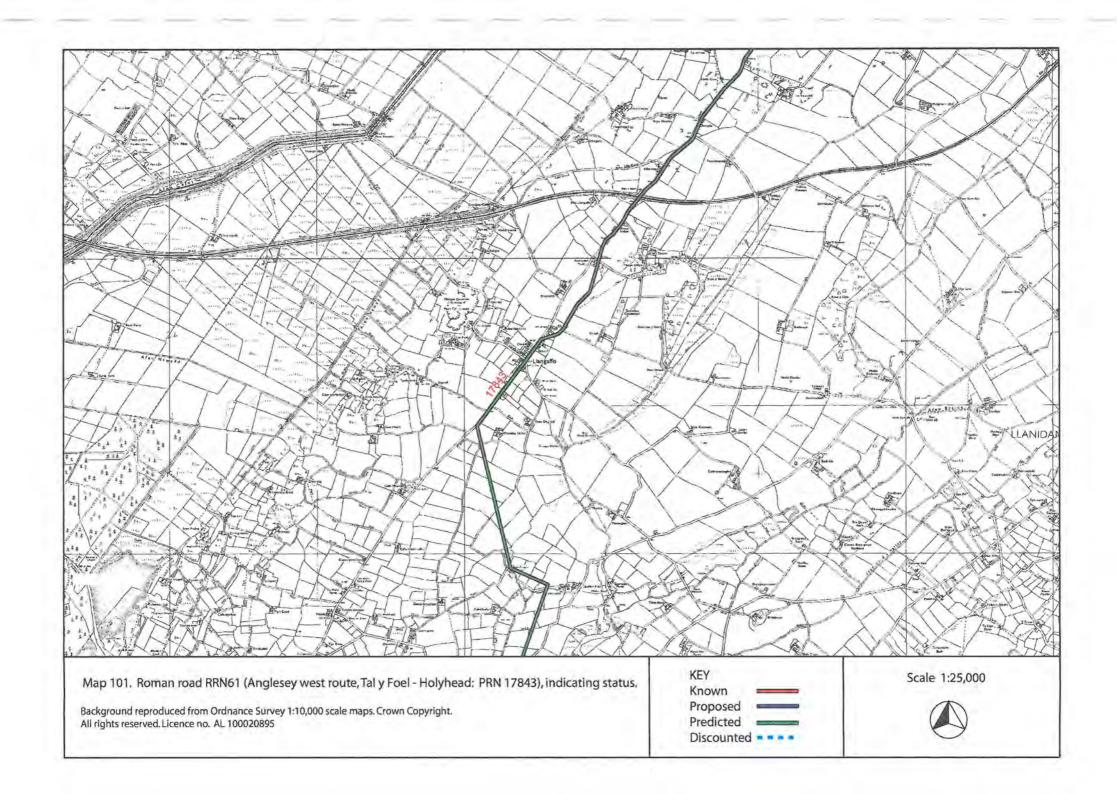
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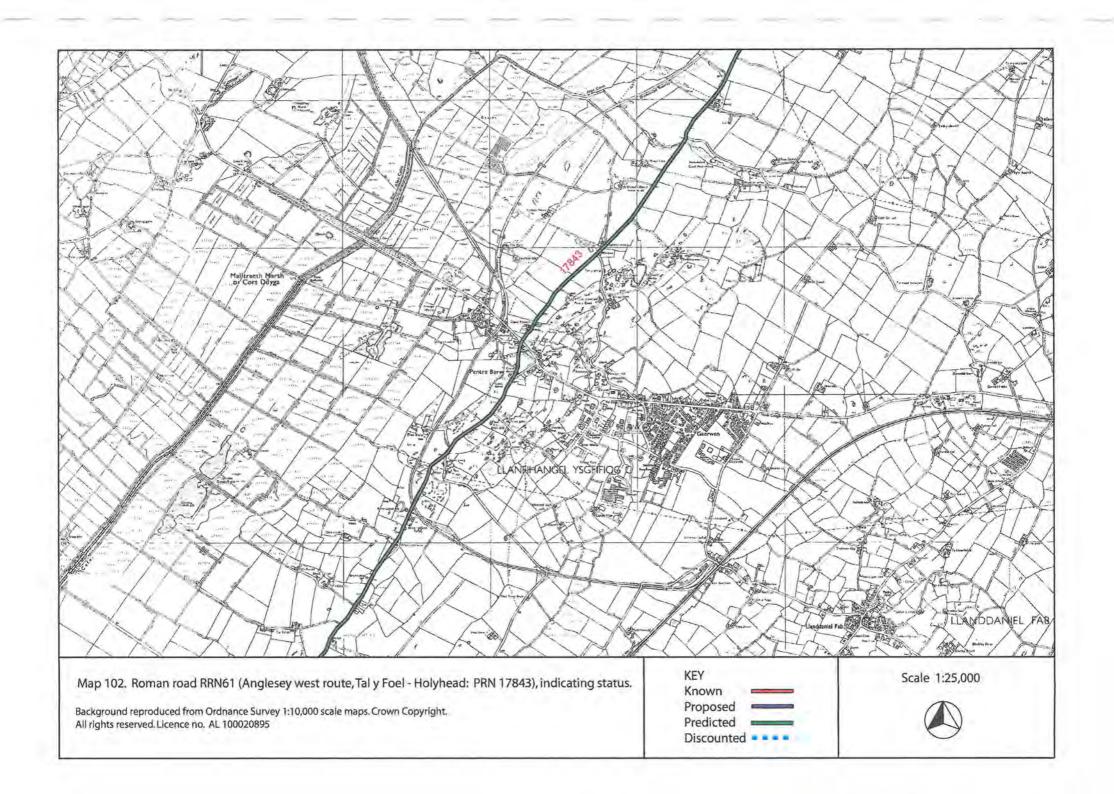


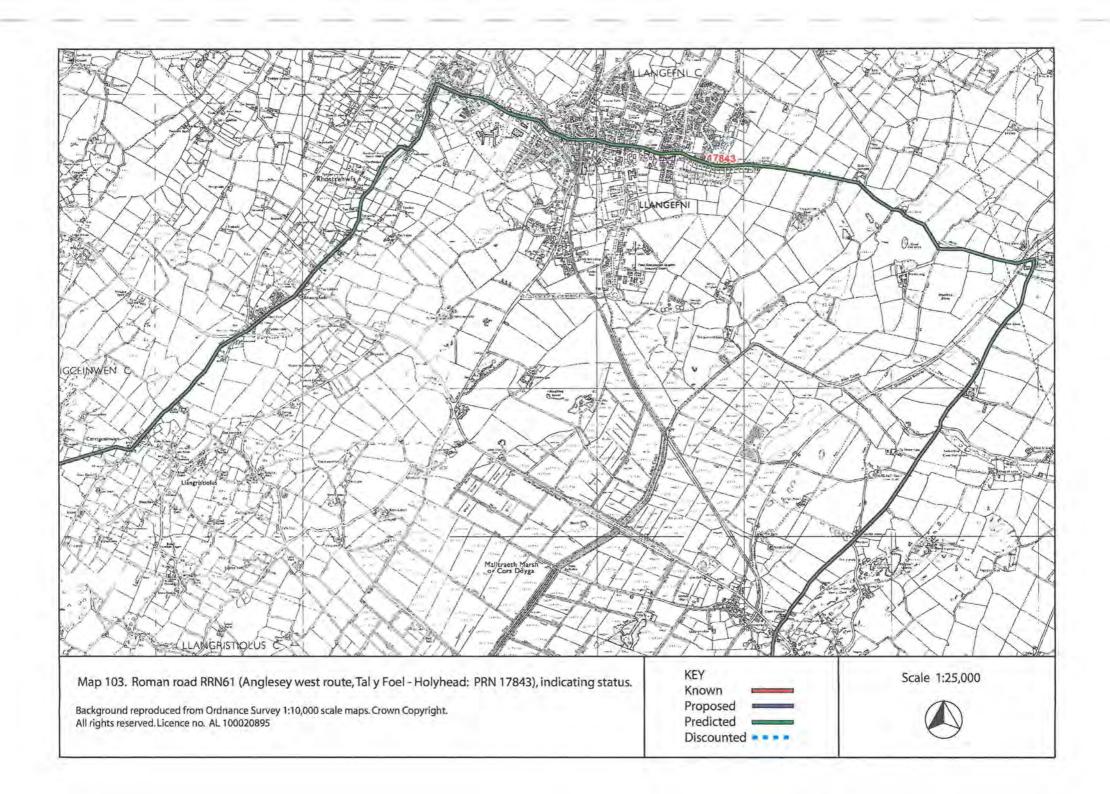


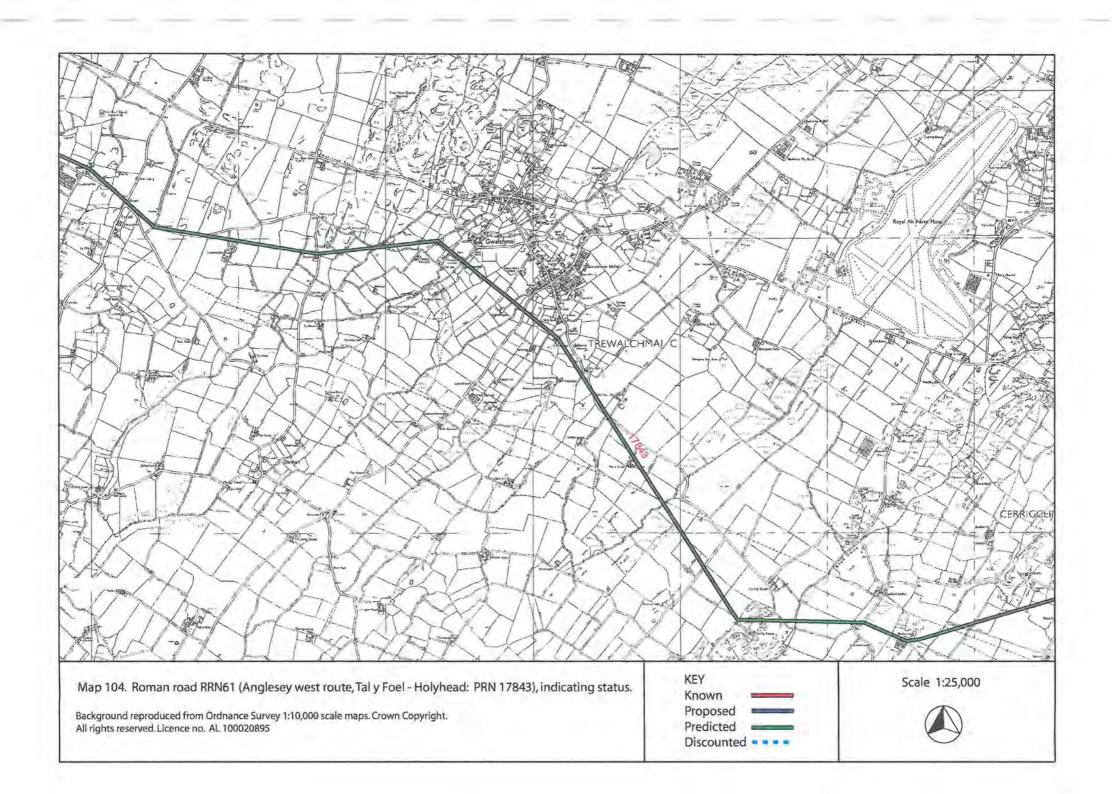


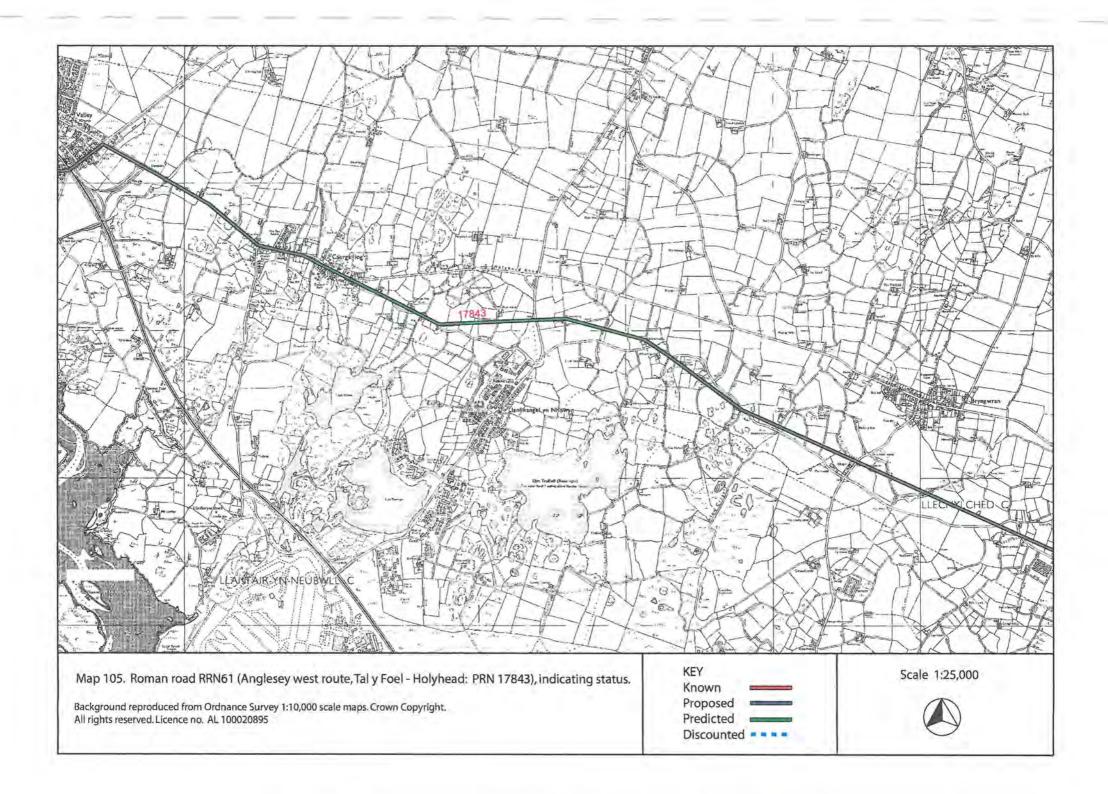


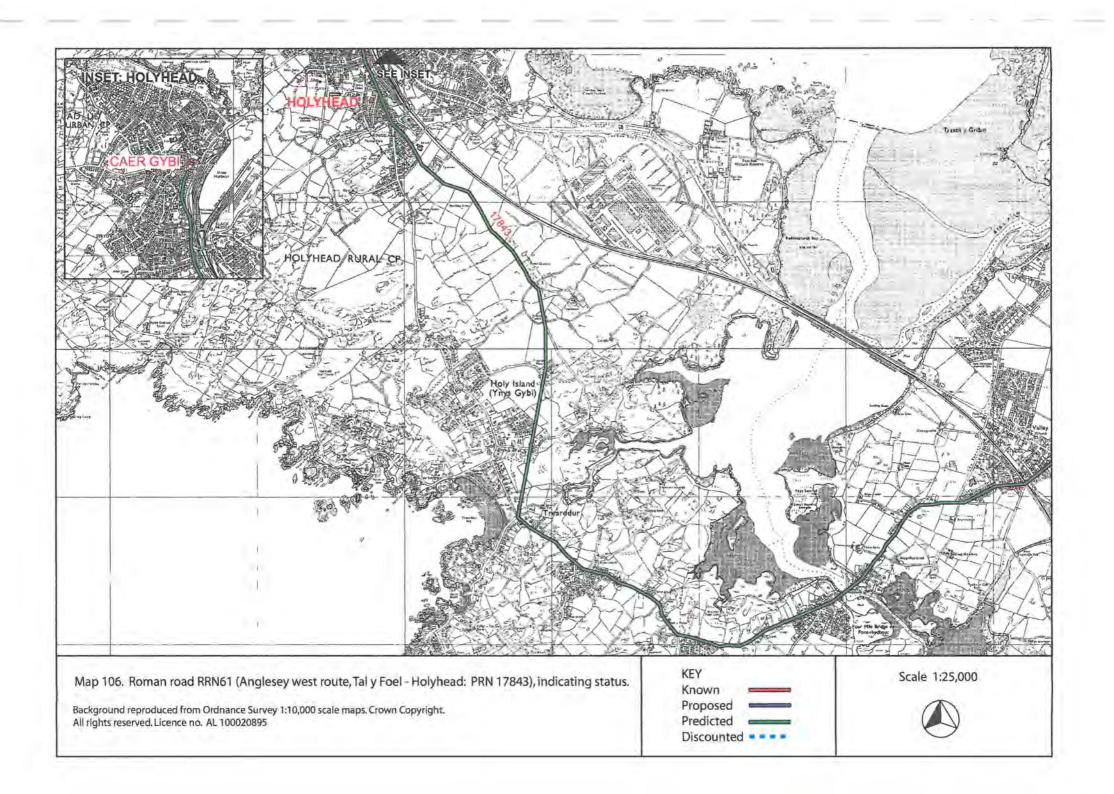












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