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Dear Pete

Further to your recent Questions (WAQs 13226 and 14022), I am writing about the changes to the boundary of the Anglesey Infected Area as they impacted on your constituent, Mr T Ellis, Hengastell, Llanwnda, Caernarfon.

Responsibility for the designation of FMD Infected Areas was a matter for then MAFF and now DEFRA. The comments below reflect the advice that I have received.

In order to explain the background, I enclose 2 maps. Annex A outlines the overall position of the IA boundary changes affecting Anglesey and Gwynedd from 15 March through to 2 June, with the circles in red ink indicating the 3kms and 10 kms surveillance zones. The IA takes in the 10 km zones and then to the nearest physical identifiable boundary. Annex B is a larger scale representation of the IA boundaries relating to the Llanwnda area. Mr Ellis' farm is located in the inverted "V" between the purple/blue and black lines. The redrawing of the IA boundary from 18 April resulted in Mr Ellis' farm coming within the IA. Prior to that date, his farm had been outside of the IA.

The initial IA boundary was designated on 15 March and redrawn 16 March. This reflected the then and subsequent disease spread on Anglesey that appeared to be moving in a south eastwards direction. When the IA boundary was adjusted on 18 April, the 10 kms surveillance zone was cutting through parts of Llanwnda.

In the light of the disease pattern on Anglesey and the position on Llanwnda to a 10kms surveillance zone, the then MAFF decided that the IA would be more effective

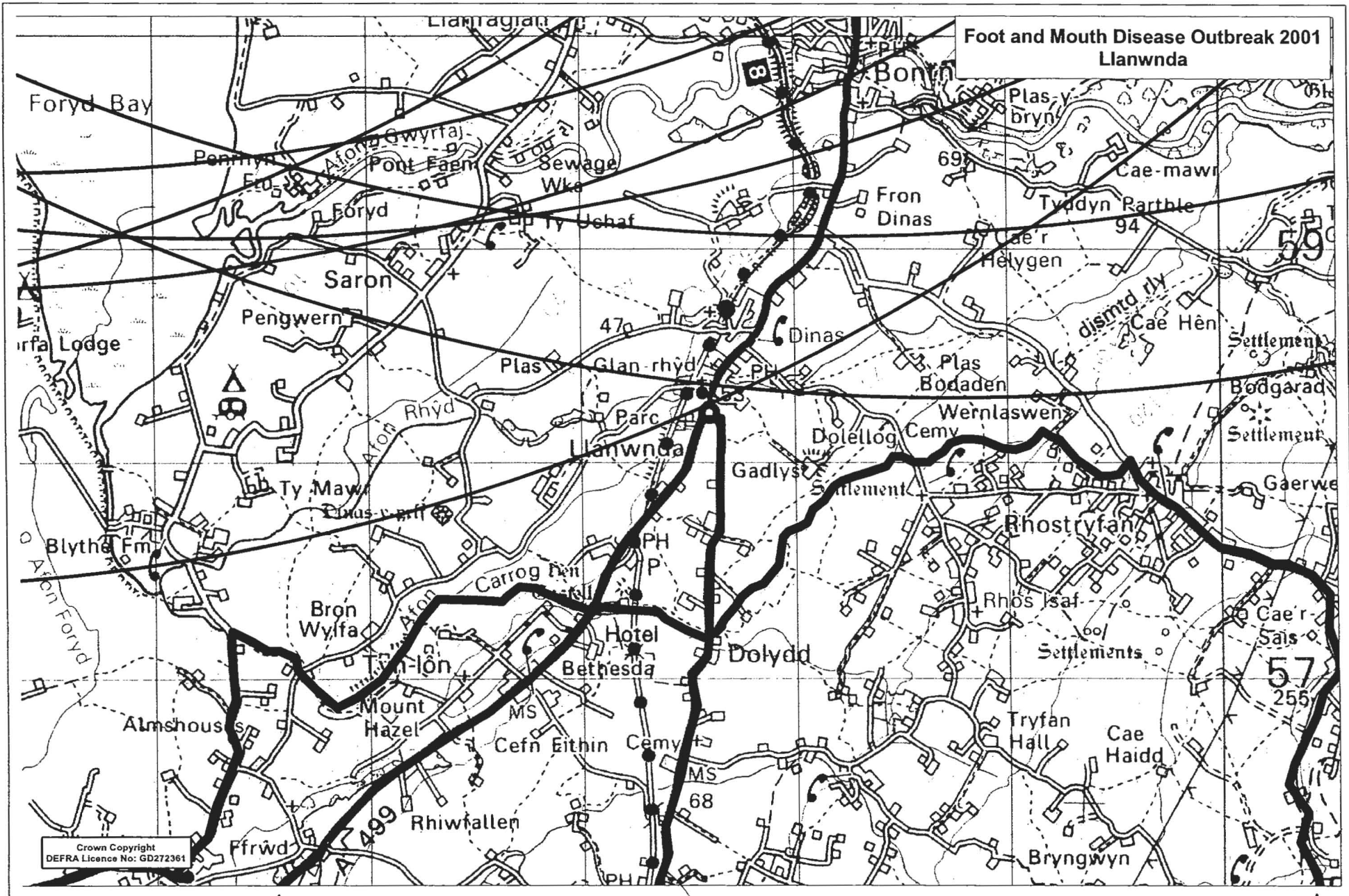
if the river line south of Llanwnda was used as the boundary. In all cases with designation of IAs, the details were subject to veterinarian advice.

Yours sincerely



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Purple line JA 15/3 - 16/3

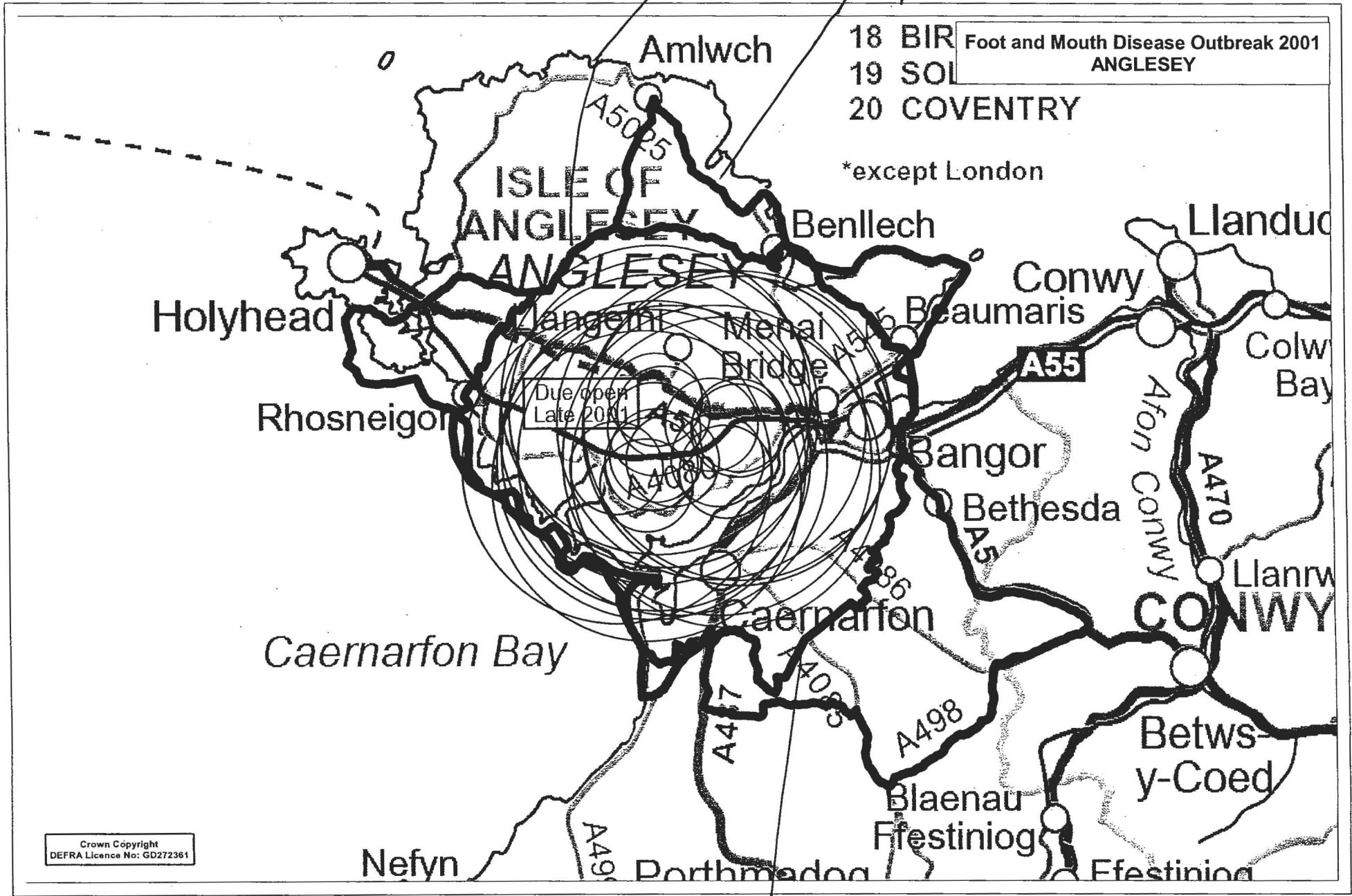
Blue line 16/3 - 18/4

Black line
To 10/4 2001

INFECTED AREAS IN TOTALITY

Blue line 16/3/18/4

People line JA 15/3 - 16/3



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Black line JA 18/4 - 2/6