

Petitions Committee : 6 November 2012
P-03-240 : Road Safety on the A40 in Llanddewi Velfrey

LLANDDEWI VELFREY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

William Powell AM
Chair Petitions Committee
Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay
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29.10.12

Dear Mr Powell

**Re: Petition submitted by Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council P-03-240 to
Be discussed at your next meeting**

We ask that the following points be considered in that discussion:

1. It is over 3 years since our petition was submitted, after even more years of requests to the Trunk Road Agency and the Welsh Government to remedy the dangerous situation for pedestrians on the A40 as it passes through the centre of our village.
2. It is nearly 2 years since we were told by the former Deputy First Minister Ieuan Wyn Jones, that no action could be taken until a Speed Limit Review was undertaken.
3. It is for over 20 years that the situation has been getting steadily more dangerous. We have now finally been told that on completion of that Speed Limit Review no action is to be taken on reducing the speed limit and that additional 'enhancement works' may only be possible in the next financial year if funds are available.

We would respectfully ask for answers to the following questions:

1. Is it reasonable to take so long to take action on any petition but especially one that relates to the lives of pedestrians daily being put at risk by narrow pavements, an inadequate crossing and by vehicles travelling at unsafe and excessive speeds?
2. What were the determining factors in the Speed Limit Review that helped Mr Sargeant reach his conclusion that speed limit reduction is inappropriate?
3. Do the enhancement works mentioned in the letter from Carl Sargeant include improvements to pavements and improvements to the road crossing?
4. Is Mr Sargeant aware that the option of creating a 50mph buffer zone to the west of the village was rejected some years ago as we were told by the Trunk Road Agency it can only be done by reducing the current length of the 40mph zone?
5. What specific measures, in relation to the obvious safety issues already raised, does Mr Sargeant intend using, as he concludes in his letter, to 'monitor this section of the A40.... in order to review and proactively manage safety issues'?
6. How much has been spent over the years on repeated surveys in comparison to the cost of the relatively simple improvements that we have asked for?

We appreciate the support of the Petitions Committee in pursuing this issue and look forward to a speedy reply.

Yours sincerely

Lynda Hill
Clerk to the Community Council