

Eglwyscummin Community Council,
Estia,
Pendine,
Carmarthenshire.
SA33 4PS
18th November 2025

Katherine Wheeler,
Committee Support Officer,
Petitions Committee,
Senedd Cymru / Welsh Parliament

By email.

Dear Katherine Wheeler,

Thank you for your email reminding me our petition will be considered again by the Petitions Committee on 24th November and also enclosing the letter from Ken Skates MS.

The information about the monitoring that is carried out and the rationale behind it is appreciated, although we still consider that where concerns have been repeatedly raised by the community and politicians over many years more frequent monitoring should be taking place. 24/7 monitoring would also capture evidence beyond the police data on personal injury collisions, which could be informative. The letter from the Minister mentions one 7 day high mast CCTV monitoring period in December 2021 – the community and others have been expressing their concerns about the junction since it was opened in 2014.

We do welcome the statement that there will be a new CCTV survey – if it could be undertaken perhaps in the summer months when there is the additional tourist traffic that would be beneficial. Ideally multiple surveys over a two year period would enable a good data set and enable assessment on the dangerous nature of this junction, but we reluctantly understand that funds are limited.

The previous letter from the Minister stated that a topographical survey had been carried out for a potential police speed monitoring layby. Are we allowed to know the outcome of this please? – will one be provided when funds permit?

We also welcome the street lighting assessment, and urge the Welsh Government to find the funding for this, and to not just determine whether it is justified on safety grounds from the police personal injury collision information, but also for example from the repeated destruction of the signage at the junction. Indeed, if it could be not just a desktop exercise, but there could be actual visits by Welsh Government officials at various times and in different weather conditions to themselves see the junction operation and its issues, that would be very beneficial.

We would appreciate it if the data results and analysis conclusions from any CCTV or other surveys, and the outcome and decisions on installing lighting at that junction, could be provided to us for information as soon as possible. The local community has, as previously

mentioned, been raising their concerns for over a decade, and they have had little response and feedback from the Welsh Government. The lack of communication does not help when there is the impression that we have been forgotten, and our concerns have dismissed, when it is our families using that junction on a daily basis.

We appreciate the extra measures that have been installed, and assure you that we too hope they will highlight the junction better and assist drivers. Any measures to prevent accidents and possible fatalities at this junction are worthwhile.

We note that within the body of the letter it is stated 'that to meet current standards a full diverge lane would likely be required'. That the complex requirements, and the cost, would be significant is accepted – it is a real shame that the junction was built purely in accordance with the DMRB at the time, without any consideration for the reality on the local community of what was being built, which included enabling traffic to flow more swiftly with less hindrance between St Clears and West Wales.

Thank you to the Committee for considering this petition on a matter that has concerned this community since the bypass was opened in 2014. We welcome your input and that of the Minister, and remain with the hope that things can be improved.

Yours sincerely,

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