

Dear Rhodri

I would be grateful if you could pass the following message to members of the Petitions Committee.

Many thanks  
Lynda Hill  
Clerk to Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council

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Dear Members of the Petitions Committee

Members of the Llanddewi Velfrey Community Council are pleased that the Petitions Committee is due to reconvene and hope that it will now be possible to make progress on the petition to improve road safety on the section of the A40 going through the village. The petition was submitted in June/July 2009 and although limited action has been taken, largely as a result of the persistence of the Community Council, this is not sufficient to make significant improvements to the safety of pedestrians and road users.

The petition asked for:

- a speed limit of 30mph through the village
- speed cameras installed at both ends of the village to enforce the speed limit
- improved provision for safe road crossing
- pavements widened to meet safety standards
- traffic calming measures at both ends of the village and at road junctions to emphasise the need to reduce speed

The former Deputy First Minister, Iuean Wynn-Jones made a site visit in 2010 and agreed that something definitely needed to be done, yet all that has so far been achieved is:

- the installation of flashing speed warning signs that, according to an electronic speed survey, have had a negligible effect on vehicle speeds
- widening of a small section of footpath at the far eastern edge of the village leaving the rest still unsafe
- painting of red strips across the road at both ends of the village still waiting for a decision on speed limit

According to minutes of previous meetings of the Petitions Committee the former Deputy First Minister repeatedly deferred a decision on reducing the speed limit saying he needed to consider it alongside the issue of the speed limit on the A40 in Abergavenny. These two sites are not comparable as the A40 in Llanddewi Velfrey is a major trunk road and, apart from a small stretch of the motorway in Port Talbot, is the first point that vehicles travelling from London and the south coast are asked to reduce their speed. A short time standing by the flashing speed warning signs shows this simply doesn't happen. Heavy goods vehicles are the worst offenders and the most dangerous for pedestrians.

Iuean Wynn-Jones made an announcement just prior to the election that the Llanddewi Velfrey by-pass is to be included in spending plans for 2011-12. While this sounded optimistic at the time, no answers were forthcoming about the detail of these proposals and the extent to which progress is likely to be made on the by-pass. Residents agree that the immediate priority, no matter what plans are being considered, is to take steps NOW to secure the safety of local residents and road users.

We would be very grateful of your continued support and in particular some speedy action to resolve a very dangerous situation.

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