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*Dear David,*

16 April 2018

Thank you for your letter of 23 March regarding Petition P-05-701 Road Safety Improvements Along the A487 Trunk Road between Cardigan and Aberystwyth, to Include Passing Places.

In the first year of the Pinch Points Programme, feasibility and investigative work on safe overtaking opportunities has been carried out on the A470, A487 (including the A487 Fishguard to Aberystwyth route), A483 and A44 road corridors. This work has been centred on establishing the topography and environment of the existing road corridors and the extent to which they can be adapted to contain safe overtaking sections, climbing lanes or bend improvements. In developing potential schemes we are also trying to achieve relatively low environmental impact and maximum journey time benefit for the capital costs involved.

The Programme is currently in the WelTAG (Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance) Stage 1 process and a stakeholder workshop involving Powys and Ceredigion County Councils is taking place on 11 April. Scheme options will become clearer later this year.

We co-funded the Marches and Mid Wales Freight Strategy and supported the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership and the Growing Mid Wales Partnership in taking forward this work. Ensuring the efficient movement of freight whilst minimising negative impacts on the environment and residents is vital to our economic prosperity and to connect Wales with the world.

The Freight Strategy was launched at a successful event held in Welshpool on 21 February. The Strategy rightly highlights the importance of the transport network for businesses and we will continue to work to identify opportunities which will build on our aspirations for economic growth.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

To that end we have funded further work, again in partnership with stakeholders in the Marches and Midlands, to develop a framework to appraise the priorities identified in the Freight Strategy Action Plan in order to inform future delivery plans in both England and Wales.

*Yours ever,*  
*Ken*

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