

P-05-824 Newtown Brimmon Oak Bypass – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 11.10.18

Dear David

petition – P-05-824

In response to ken skate's comments, as stated the Brimmon Oak has benefited from a huge amount of local support.

I feel that naming the new bypass after the tree reflects WG commitment to preserving the environment by accommodating the tree at the same time as moving the welsh transport infrastructure into the 21st century. By using the name "Newtown Brimmon Oak Bypass" I believe, brings together a welsh icon that represents Wales beautiful scenery that attracts many visitors along with state of the art engineering that will make west Wales as a whole, more accessible and thus beneficial to all.

WG agreeing to name the bypass after this iconic tree would be a present and future statement to the people of Newtown that they have an ongoing respect for their local environment.

I hope you can give the matter further consideration.

Kind Regards

Mervyn Jones

Dear David,

With respect to Minister Ken Skates' recent reply to our joint petition regarding the naming of the new road the Newtown Brimmon Oak Bypass. '*Most appropriate*'. This is an interesting phrase used oft these days. However, I would like to use several other phrases that could more correctly apply to our petition and your opportunity.

'Enduring Legacy'

'Vision'

'Recognition'

'Forward thinking'

'Opportunity'

'Positive'

'Brave'

'Wales could be leading the way'

If I may be so bold, I would like to quickly reference what I feel are connected, recently reported events around the globe in the press. (See added recent press comments below)

Recent communications from the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC Oct. 2018) on just where we are heading as a species and our shared planet, predict a disastrous future for many around the world unless we change our environmentally destructive ways. This really is now critical and we may only have a short window of opportunity to facilitate this enormous change in our relationship with the planet if the UN/ IPCC are to be believed. Moreover, plastic pollution has now, rightly, also been recognised and publicised as out of control, and massively harmful to many species across the planet. Plastic is polluting our oceans and continent to levels not really known until this last year or so to the general public.

What is this to do with a big old tree in Wales?

Let me paint you a picture, a vision for the future. One where '*Wales could be leading the way*' into a more harmonious future with our shared planet.

You (The Welsh Government), now have the '*opportunity*' to be '*visionary*' to be '*forward thinking*'. An opportunity to leave an '*enduring legacy*' for your children, grand children & generations to come. If the committee do decide to be '*brave*', and name the road *The Newtown Brimmon Oak Bypass*, this will send a signal around the world! A '*positive*' signal that Wales is in tune with its people, in tune with nature, in tune with its role on a global scale in the 21st Century. Not a country of held back by its past but celebrating its past, a past when trees especially were far more valued and celebrated, a past when our connection to the planet was much, much closer than now, than the internet, smart-phone generations.

Imagine...***The Newtown Brimmon Oak Bypass*** ... famous around the world!

Kind Regards,

Robert McBride,

We have 12 years to limit climate change catastrophe, warns UN

The authors of the landmark report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released on Monday say urgent and unprecedented changes are needed to reach the target, which they say is affordable and feasible although it lies at the most ambitious end of the Paris agreement to keep temperatures between 1.5C and 2C.

The IPCC says that to achieve this target would require “rapid, far-reaching, and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society”. It would, however, deliver “clear benefits to people and natural eco-systems”, as well as “ensuring a more sustainable and equitable society”.