

Petitions Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 1 – Senedd

Meeting date:

24 March 2015

Meeting time:

09.00

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Agenda – Supplementary Documents

Member's brief and additional Item for consideration (3.7)

Please note the documents below are in addition to those published in the main Agenda and Reports pack for this Meeting

1 Introduction, apologies and substitutions (Pages 1 – 17)

P-04-620 Reintroduce the National Speed Limit on the Cardigan Bypass (Pages 18 – 21)

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Agenda Item 3.7

P-04-620 Reintroduce the National Speed Limit on the Cardigan Bypass

Petition Wording:

Reintroduce the national speed limit on the northern section of the A487 Cardigan bypass. From the entrance to Penlan farm to a point 77 metres north east of the U5005 Cae Morgan road. Amend traffic order 201 to reflect this.

Lead petitioner: Cllr Gethin James

First considered by the Committee: 24 March 2015

Number of signatures: (Change.org) 196 signatures

Lead signature

Golwgfor
Aberporth
Cardigan
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SA43 2EX

09/02/2015

Dear Petitions committee member,

We ask you to please consider our petition on the matter set out below.

We the undersigned wish to formally object to the proposed traffic order 201 to introduce a permanent 40 mph speed limit on the A487 trunk road at Cardigan Bypass.

The current temporary 40 mph traffic order was introduced when the Northern (tesco junction) was re opened with traffic light controls. The Welsh Governments consultants on that scheme were Hyder and their speed assessment was that the national speed limit did not need to be reduce but advised that possibly a 50 mph zone just through the traffic light controlled junction would be reasonable.

Welsh government ignored this advise and introduced a temporary traffic order on the bypass from the roundabout near Cardigan hospital all the way to Cae morgan road, this was later altered on a section south of the tesco junction back to the national speed limit but the section to the north of the tesco junction remained at 40 mph.

We do not object to the 40 mph section through the junction itself but believe that 40mph on the two laned section to the north of the junction should be increased to the national speed limit to enable traffic to safely pass heavy goods vehicles that may well be traveling at their maximum speed of 40 mph. And that the current national speed limit remains as it is on the southern section to the hospital roundabout.

This section of the A487 is the only dual carriage section of the A487 in Ceredigion. The A487 through Ceredigion has a poor safety record and many of the the accidents on the A487 are due to the dangerous overtaking of HGV's. So we urge the Welsh Government not to permanently remove the one section of the A487 where HGV's can be overtaken safely.

We fully support the introduction of appropriate and justifiable speed limits. We must not introduce unjustifiable speed limits that criminalise motorists that are driving safely.

We ask that you consider supporting our request to amend traffic order 201 and take into account the following

Hyder consulting report on the re opening of Tesco junction on the A487 Cardigan bypass with traffic light controls, particularly the speed assessment and speed data compiled for that report.

The current trunk road speed assessment in regards of the setting of local speed limits.

As lead signature I would also ask permission to give evidence to the committee to support our case.

Regards



Cllr Gethin James

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Yours sincerely,

Please see attached petition

The petition is also being submitted to the petitions committee at the Welsh Assembly. I therefore request that any decision also takes into account of the petitions committees recommendations.

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Gweinidog yr Economi, Gwyddoniaeth a Thrafnidiaeth
Minister for Economy, Science and Transport



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Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-620
Ein cyf/Our ref EH/00676/15

William Powell AM
Chair - petitions committee
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23 February 2015

Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 11 February regarding petition P-04-620 to reintroduce the national speed limit on the A487 Cardigan Bypass.

My officials are currently considering points of concern regarding the proposed introduction of a permanent 40mph speed limit order along a stretch of the A487 Cardigan Bypass.

Where outstanding objections remain I will consider all the facts before deciding whether or not to proceed with the proposed permanent speed limit.

Edwina Hart