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15 December 2008

Dear Val

Thank you for your letter of the 21 November regarding petitions received for road safety on the A40 Trunk Road near Llanspyddid and the A487 Trunk Road near Aberystwyth.

Turning first to the A487 near Aberystwyth (P-03-163), officials are in the process of preparing a draft traffic regulation order to extend the speed limit between Waenfawr Crossroads and Maes Hendre. We are also planning to provide a new roundabout at Dorglwyd junction. In conjunction with the Mid Wales Trunk Agency, the Welsh Assembly Government will continue to monitor conditions on the A487 and will take further action as appropriate.

With regard to the A40 near Llanspyddid (P-03-162), there is limited development along the trunk road. Under the current guidelines this section of road does not warrant a reduction of speed limit. There are no proposals to reduce the speed limit.

The junction is typical of many unlit rural junctions and there are no plans to introduce lighting at this site.

Footways have been improved in the area recently to allow better access locally.

The accident record does not indicate that there is a safety problem at the junction. The 5 accidents that have occurred since 2003 relate to slow moving vehicles accessing lay-by to the east. In view of the concerns expressed by the residents, officials have asked the Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency to carry out a review of the trunk road through Llanspyddid to investigate if safety can be improved. This will be carried out in 2009/10 subject to the availability of funding in competition with other schemes.

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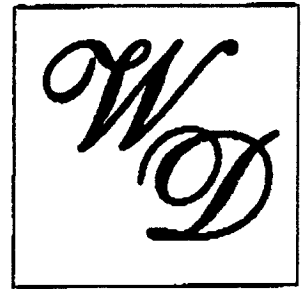
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Date: 12 January 2009

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Dear Mr. Thomas

Re: Petition: Road Safety in Llanspyddid

Thank you for your letter dated 08 January 2008.

The letter from Ieuan Wyn Jones is extremely disappointing and I can only imagine that he did not have sight of the petition documents before providing his response.

I am therefore writing to respond to that letter in the hope of expediting matters before the Petitions Committee.

Firstly, the Llanspyddid Junction is not "typical of many unlit rural junctions". As the Petition dossier demonstrates, the junction services over 70 houses and is therefore used on a daily basis by over 100 cars. This is more user than some urban junctions sustain.

Secondly, while there is limited development along the trunk road, the junction itself is fully developed with residential properties on both sides.

Thirdly, I have no idea what relevance Mr. Wyn Jones believes the footpath has but to say that it has been improved is misleading. Powys County Council have merely put down a rough course of wearing material which makes it impossible to push a pushchair, wheelchair or child's bicycle (for example) the two miles into Brecon town.

Finally, the Residents' Association would very much appreciate a copy of the accident record to which Mr. Wyn Jones refers. It clearly differs from the accident record before the Petitions Committee contained in the dossier which demonstrates that none of the accidents attested to therein occurred because of "slow moving vehicles accessing lay-by to the east".

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It really is extremely disappointing to read such a cobbled together response which takes into account none of the facts before the Petitions Committee. However, the response only serves to demonstrate the lethargy which residents in Llanspyddid have had to deal with in the past and why we believe that the Petitions Committee is our last hope.

We were advised at the outset that we may have the opportunity to put oral evidence or deal in person with questions from the Petitions Committee and we would welcome the opportunity to so do.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Letter from Deputy First Minister #2

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February 2009

Dear Val

Thank you for your further letter of 20th January regarding petition PET-03-162, Road Safety on the A40 Trunk Road near Llanspyddid.

I can confirm that a review of safety through Llanspyddid has been included in the next round of funding and the work will be programmed to start early in the next financial year.

Draft speed limit guidelines are currently being reviewed, I will arrange for the committee to receive a copy once it has been completed.

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07 April 2009

De Val

Thank you for your letter dated 6th March regarding petition PET-03-162, Road Safety on the A40 Trunk Road near Llanspyddid.

The review will be carried out once the new speed-limit guidance has been published. This is currently expected to be within the next few months.

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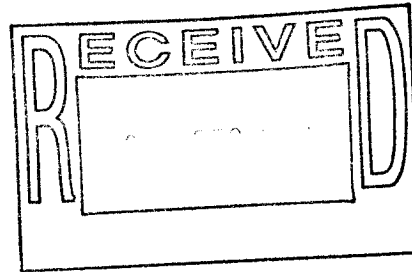
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15 December 2009

Deus Val

I am responding to your letter of 26th November regarding Petition P-03-162, Improvements to the A40 near Llanspyddid.

I was pleased to announce the launch of revised guidance for setting local speed limits on 5 November 2009. We will be reviewing all trunk road speed limits in Wales over the next five years and are developing a programme of investigations to start next financial year.

In view of the concerns raised by the petitioners, we will investigate the situation in Llanspyddid at the earliest opportunity.

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22 February 2010

Dear Christine

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd February regarding the petition to improve safety on the A40 Trunk Road near Llanspyddid.

I can confirm that we are carrying out a safety review on this part of the trunk road. My officials anticipate that they will have completed the review by the end of this financial year. Until then, I am unable to comment on any potential improvements that may or may not be required.

We are looking at the speed limit at Llanspyddid as part of this safety review. Therefore, its inclusion in the more general exercise to review all the speed limits across the trunk road network in Wales by December 2014 is not required.

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05 May 2010

Dear Christine

I am responding to your letter of the 30 March regarding petition P-03-162: Improvement to the A40 near Llanspyddid, and progress of the safety review I mentioned in my previous letter.

I can confirm that the review is now complete and my officials are finalising the report. Once finalised, I will arrange to forward a copy to the petitions committee.

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Response from Deputy First Minister

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25 October 2010

Dear Christine

I wrote to you on the 5 May regarding petition P-03-162: Improvement to the A40 near Llanspyddid, where you asked for a copy of the safety review that we carried out on this part of the trunk road network.

The report is now finalised, and as previously advised I attach a copy for your information.

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**Raglan – Llandovery Trunk Road A40
Llanspyddid Preliminary Investigation**

September 2010

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Raglan – Llandoverly Trunk Road A40
Llanspyddid Preliminary Investigations

1.Introduction

- 1.1 The Community has raised concerns with regard to the safety of trunk road highway users in the vicinity of the side road junction at Llanspyddid. Issues raised include: the high speed of trunk road vehicles through the village; RTCs; lack of street lighting. This study reviews the trunk road environment through the village, with particular focus at the junction, to determine if further measures are required in accordance with current highway authority guidelines and to improve safety.

2. Existing Layout

2.1 Geometry

- 2.1.1 The layout, as shown in Appendix 1, has a carriageway width of 6.9 metres generally running east/west through a curve radius 400 metres with a forward visibility of 120 metres. These values approximately relate to criteria for one departure and one step below desirable minimum for a design speed of 50mph. The whole of the village (except for the Vicarage) is located on the South side of this section of Trunk Road, over which the National Speed limit applies.

2.2 Signs and Road Markings

(See site photographs – Appendix 2.)

- 2.2.1 The A40 is a designated clearway with the centreline indicated by a 6 metre line and 3 metre gap with solid edge of carriageway line except at junctions and lay-bys, etc.
- 2.2.2 At 100 metres to east and west of the C0160 junction are “Junction Ahead” warning signs above a “Pedestrians in Road” warning sign, the latter being in existence prior to the provision of a footway and is no longer required.
- 2.2.3 Adjacent to the signs are ARAF/SLOW carriageway road markings.

3. Traffic & Accident Data

- 3.1 Annual average daily traffic (AADT) flows are shown to be 4900 vehicles with an 85thile speed of 55.9mph, 50m west of the carriageway junction and 62.2mph, 500 metres north west of the junction.
- 3.2 Accident records from 1988 to date show that there have been 17 personal injury collisions in total within a 200 metre length either side of the junction. (See location plan in Appendix 3)

To summarise:

1. At the junction – 4 slight, 1 serious
2. East of the junction – 7 slight
3. West of the junction – 1 slight, 4 serious

Whilst it is more usual to report a 3 or 5 year accident history, the longer term helps to give a better indication of the types of collision occurring at the junction and its approaches.

- 3.3 The 3 year accident record shows 4 slight and 1 serious personal injury collisions and the 5 year accident record, 6 slight and 1 serious.
- 3.4 It is worth noting that all the slight collisions in the last 3 years occurred over 100m to the east of the junction and there was only 1 slight collision at the junction in the past 5 years.
- 3.5 Collision details generally indicate the likelihood of driver error at the junction, the majority of collisions being shunts. The junction approaches possibly indicate inappropriate speeds resulting in "loss of control" or by crossing the centre line.
- 3.6 Collisions to the west of the junction have a higher severity designation to those on the east, which may be attributed to the higher 85thile speeds.
- 3.7 Based on the last 5 year accident history, the collision rate equates to 76 injury collisions/100 million.veh.km.
- 3.8 Turning counts at the junction were carried out at peak AM and PM periods – data is provided in Appendix 4.

4. Proposals

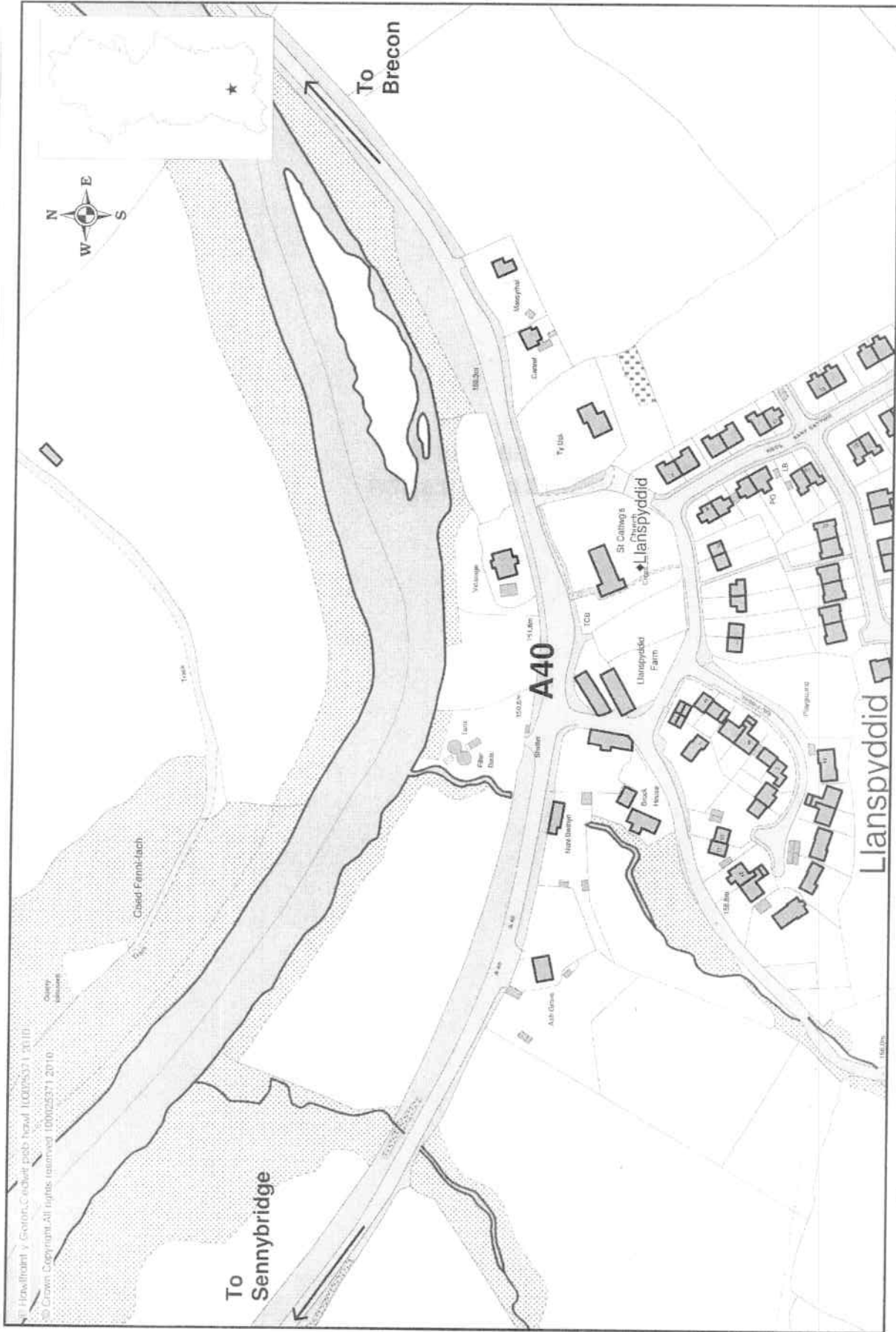
- 4.1 It is proposed to visually enhance the trunk road signing and lining as shown in Appendix 5.
- 4.2 This consists of a centreline hatching for 200 metres either side of the junction which coincides with the accident boundaries and frontage development.
- 4.3 At the extremities it is proposed to erect new yellow backed junction ahead warning signs with "reduce speed now" plates (both sides of the road). Adjacent to the sign, in the approach lane, it is proposed to install an ARAF/SLOW road marking on a red patch with the same road markings repeated 100 metres from the junction.
- 4.4 Estimate cost for these measures are as follows:-

TS&M	500
4 signs @ £500 supply and erect	2,000
4 Red Patch/ARAF/SLOW	2,000
400metres C.L. hatching	2,400
80 road studs unidirectional	<u>1,000</u>
	7,900
Contingencies	<u>800</u>
	8,700
Design and Site Supervision	900
Total	<u>£9,600</u>

5.Conclusion

- 5.1 The proposals are measures to improve driver awareness in the immediate vicinity of the junction, and are similar to measures introduced at various locations in the County with great success.
- 5.2 Consideration has been given to provision of a 50mph speed limit, in accordance with the DMRB and the road geometry, but the 85%ile speed of 55mph is considered to be an acceptable tolerance.
- 5.3 Whilst the accident rate is in excess of the threshold under current speed limit guidance (Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales), it also states that speed limits should not be used in an attempt to solve isolated hazards, hence visual enhancement is the preferred option.
- 5.4 Following implementation of the proposals the situation can be monitored and if further measures become necessary, the advance junction warning signs may be replaced by a mandatory 50mph section. The length being 450 metres, which is slightly below the recommended minimum distance of 600metres, but allowable under different or specific circumstances such as the junction.

Appendix 1
General Layout



Yr Hyspwrdd y Gwybodaeth, Cofrestrwyd ym 10/03/2010.
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Appendix 2
Site Photographs

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Address **A40**

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C0161 Junction from East



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Address **A40**

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C0161 Junction from West



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Address **A40**

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Junction Approach from Sennybridge



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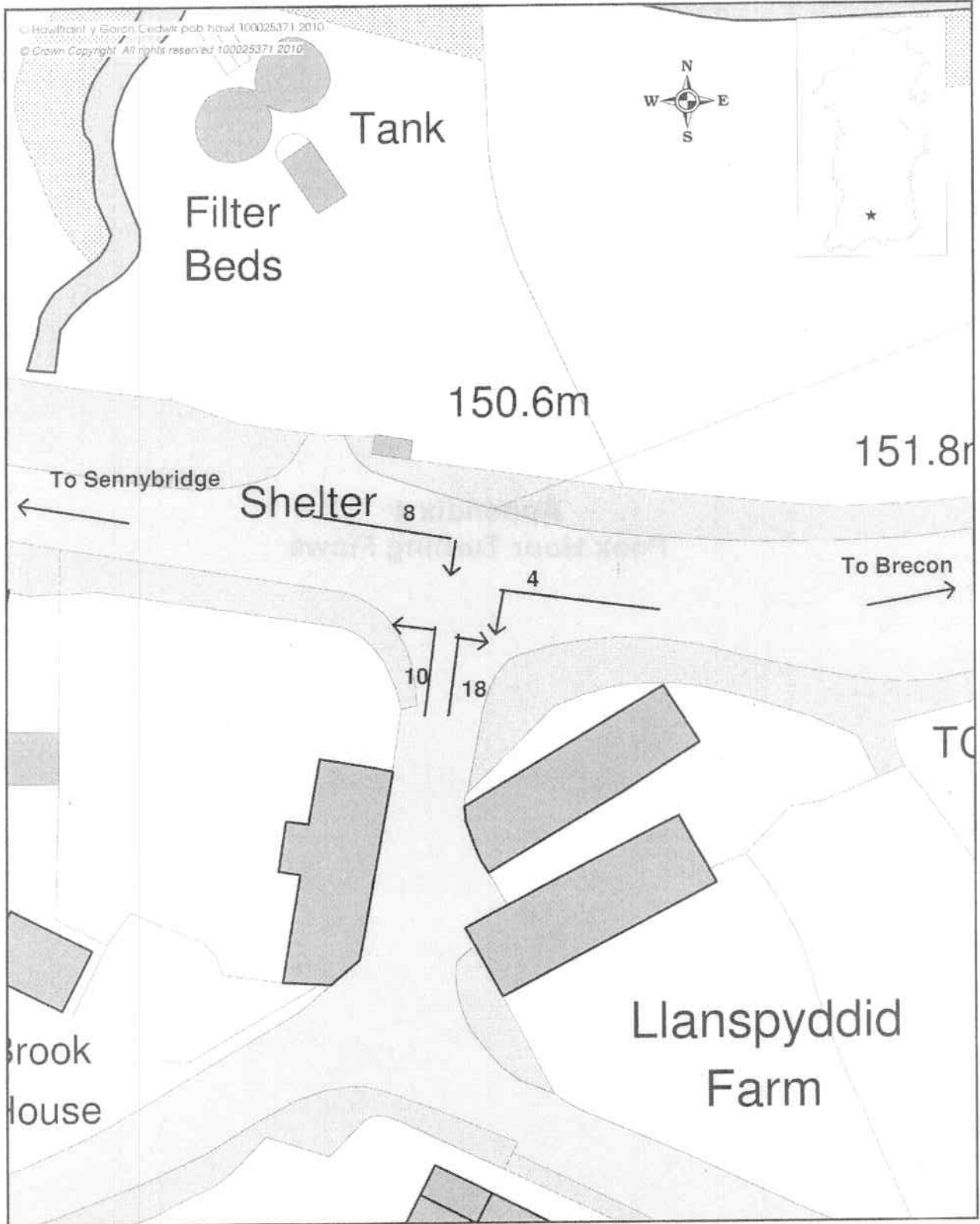
Junction Approach from Brecon



Appendix 3
Accident Location Plan

Appendix 4
Peak Hour Turning Flows

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Traffic Proposals**

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31 December 2010

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dra Christine".

I am responding to your letter of the 22 November regarding petition P-03-162 Road Safety in Llanspyddid.

Regarding the timetable of work outlined in the Raglan – Llandovery Trunk Road A40 Llanspyddid Preliminary Investigation document that I sent you in October, I can confirm that we plan to carry out these works this financial year.

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14 March 2011

Dear Christine

I am responding to your letter of the 26 January regarding petition P-03-162, Road Safety at Llanspyddid.

The works at Llanspyddid are scheduled for completion by the end of March.

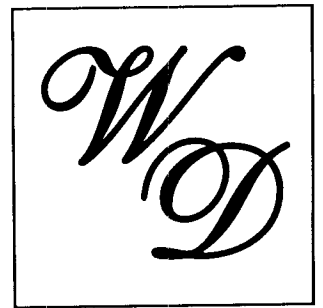
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Date: 12 January 2009

Dear Mrs Stocks

Re: P-03-162 Road Safety in Llanspyddid

Thank you for your letter dated 05 April 2011. I apologise for my delay in responding.

I confirm that, as at the date of writing this letter, no works have been carried out to the A40 at Llanspyddid.

I await hearing from the Petitions Committee further in due course.

Yours sincerely

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