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Janet Finch-Saunders MS  
Chair, Petitions Committee

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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 30 November to the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales on behalf of the Petitions Committee, regarding Petition P-05-1090 Road Safety: Reduce the speed on the A487 trunk road to 20mph through Penparcau, Aberystwyth. Your letter has been passed to me due to my portfolio responsibilities.

Improving road safety is a priority for Welsh Government and we are continuously working with local authorities, the police and other partners to identify locations where there is a need for road safety measures.

The 20mph Task and Finish Group (TFG) have completed their work and published their [report](#). We have accepted all of the TFG recommendations and our response highlighting how each of them will be progressed can be found [here](#), with a view for the 20mph default speed limit to come into force in April 2023. Consideration of the lowering of the existing speed limit on the A487 through Penparcau can be included as part of this work, however it will need to be reviewed against the exception criteria and through consultation with the community which would be led by the local authority.

Local Authorities have been invited to take part in 20 mph Pilot Settlement Studies and their submissions are currently being assessed. The successful candidates will be announced later this month. Local authorities will receive support from Transport for Wales and funding will be given to all applicants chosen to take part.

Commensurate with the ambition of the proposed 20mph default speed limit for restricted roads a Monitoring and Evaluation Programme is to be established as part of the project so that its outcomes can be properly judged. A range of metrics will be captured so as to make a comprehensive assessment of the effectiveness of the 20mph speed limit intervention, both ahead of the implementation of the national 20mph default limit and in the longer term.

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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.

In the interim, we continue to routinely review the speed limits on the trunk road network giving consideration to data such as personal injury collisions, the road geometry and use by pedestrians and cyclists, in line with the Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales guidance. Based on the current data, we have no proposals to lower the speed limit on this section of road at this time, but will continue to monitor the need for such a change.

Go Safe, the Road Safety Partnership, are responsible for speed limit enforcement residents may wish to highlight any concerns regarding traffic speeds directly via the following webpage: <https://gosafe.org/contact-us/community-concern/>.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is positioned above the typed name.

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