

P-03-261 Local Solutions to Newtown Traffic Congestion

Petition wording

We call on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to defer a decision on the proposed bypass of Newtown until it has developed and trialled a set of sustainable measures in the town itself to address traffic congestion.

Petition raised by: Gary Saady

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Number of signatures: 37

Supporting information:

Two thirds of the traffic on the A483/A489 corridor in Newtown is local.

The measures to address traffic congestion on the A483/A489 should include those designed to make better use of road space, such as:

- traffic management measures to reduce conflicting movements at junctions
- dedicated lanes in Pool Road and Llanidloes Road for traffic turning right to industrial and retail premises
- co-ordination of traffic lights

They should also include measures designed to promote alternatives to car travel, such as:

- a redesigned town bus network serving supermarkets & industrial estates, and avoiding the A483/A489 where possible
- a 15 minute interval town bus service
- a footbridge across the River Severn connecting the Llanllwchaern river path to Pool Road
- promotion of cycling and walking

We recognise that there is currently a problem caused by high vehicles diverting through residential areas in order to avoid the low railway bridges on Dolfor Road and Llanidloes Road. This can be solved by the following measures:

- raising the railway bridge on the Llanidloes Road
- construction of a link road from Dolfor Road to Heol Ashley in the Mochdre Industrial Estate