

P-06-1296 Make the Dorglwyd, Comins Coch junction on the A487 safer

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Petition title: Make the Dorglwyd, Comins Coch junction on the A487 safer

Text of petition:

This junction on the A487 is very dangerous. There have been many near misses and accidents. Cars come round the blind corner too fast.

We believe safety could be improved by restricting the speed limit to 30mph or by installing a roundabout or traffic lights.



1. Background

The Welsh Government is the highway authority and traffic authority responsible for the Welsh trunk road and motorway network. Local authorities are responsible for local roads.

The A487 forms part of the trunk road network and runs from Fishguard to Bangor. CrashmapUK shows a number of incidents have occurred at the Comins Coch junction in the past 10 years.

In May 2022 the petition was reported in the press, with the article including a comment from the Welsh Government that it is working on a “a scheme to improve road safety and visibility” at the junction.

Roads review panel

In June 2021 the Deputy Minister for Climate Change announced a roads review panel would review planned Welsh Government road investments. He announced a pause on all new road schemes while the existing pipeline of schemes is reviewed.

The panel's terms of reference outlines what future Welsh Government investment may focus on. This includes “investment which maintains the safety and serviceability of the existing road network”.

In February the panel published its initial report, setting out the criteria it would use to review each scheme along with a list of those within its scope. This included a scheme on the A487 at Comins Coch.

In September the Deputy Minister issued a further statement that the panel's final report had been submitted. The Deputy Minister stated:

I will consider the panel's report and recommendations alongside the advice provided by officials. I intend to publish the panel's report and my decision once this process is complete, later in the autumn.

2. Welsh Government action

In his letter to the Chair dated 10 October, the Deputy Minister outlines the roads review and says the Welsh Government:

...will act on any recommendations with regard to this junction as soon as possible following approval and funding allocation.

3. Welsh Parliament action

In May 2022 Natasha Asghar MS tabled a written question on the amount spent on the A487 Dorglwyd Comins Coch scheme before it was subject to the roads review.

The Deputy Minister's response states that the Welsh Government will publish the costs associated with the schemes alongside its decisions once the panel's final report is considered.

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