



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1353  
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Jack Sargeant MS  
Chair - Petitions committee

11 January 2024

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 6 October regarding Petition P-06-1353 Devolve responsibilities and budgets for trunk roads in North Wales to North Wales.

Please see below responses to the petitioner's questions.

1. Has the Deputy Minister discussed devolving responsibilities and budgets for North Wales Trunk Roads with regional leaders?

No. Regional leaders have not raised this with me and I have not raised it with them, because it is not Welsh Government policy for the reasons outlined in my previous letter.

2. Has the Deputy Minister told the North Wales Transport Commission that he will reject such a recommendation, should the Commission make it?

No. I have not given any steers to the Commission beyond the terms of reference.

3. Is spending on the Strategic Road Network available by region, in the interests of transparency?

Please see below table for the spend (capital and revenue) on the Strategic Road Network for this Senedd term.

	North Wales	Mid Wales	South Wales
2020/21	£115m	£40m	£134m
2021/22	£98m	£45m	£136m
2022/23	£46m	£36m	£102m

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4. In principle, does the Welsh Government support the notion that people in North Wales should determine investments in all roads in North Wales?

Yes, and people in North Wales do determine investments in all roads in North Wales by electing representatives to local authorities and the Senedd.

5. Has the Welsh Government ruled out devolving responsibilities for trunk road investment to the Corporate Joint Committee?

Yes, for the reasons set out in my previous letter.

6. Would the Welsh Government agree to at least consult with the people of North Wales over the devolution of responsibilities for trunk roads?

Not at present, because de-trunking roads in North Wales is not Welsh Government policy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is centered on a light gray background.

**Lee Waters AS/MS**

Y Dirprwy Weinidog Newid Hinsawdd  
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