P-06-1299 Welsh Government Freeze on road building to include a clause for cases that pose a danger to life - Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 16 April 2024

Re: P-06-1299 Eich deiseb / Your petition

I feel there is a need to reiterate how dangerous it is to be cut off due to road traffic accidents/fires as we have witnessed.

There is one stretch of road, that has no other way in or out, from the top of North Road Ferndale to Maerdy/Ferndale cemetery (approximately half a mile). If emergency services are needed it would put people's lives at risk.

The new school being built in the Maerdy Ward, to relocate Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Llyn y Forwyn is on this stretch of road and will make a substantial difference to the volume of traffic, on an already congested and gridlocked road, at the start and end of the school day.

This school was never part of the feasibility study.

Lack of local employment opportunities, forces residents to look for jobs elsewhere. Due to the top end of the Rhondda Fach not having a train service and the current bus infrastructure rendering it almost impossible for people to get to work on time and the bus route from Maerdy to Cardiff taking approximately 2 1/2 hours, adding another 5 hours to their working day. Leaves residents no other choice but, to use their own transport.

The Welsh Governments plans to prioritise walking and cycling simply cannot be sustained in The Rhondda Fach, we need the bypass more.

Kind Regards,

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