



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1519
Ein cyf/Our ref KSNWT/01126/25

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions committee

28 July 2025

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 4 July regarding P-06-1519 – to implement safety measures at the A477 Red Roses junction to reduce accidents and stop any fatalities.

I understand the safety concerns regarding this junction. While the A477 Red Roses junction was designed to current standards and compliant at the time of construction, driver behaviour is shown to be a major factor in the initial evidence and data available.

The continued concerns raised in the petition are noted, however design has been completed for ARAF/SLOW markings and enhanced road signs with yellow backing boards and the use of large static bollards to highlight the junction position. This is intended to enhance the presence of the junction for all users. The Road Safety Audit 1&2 is due to be completed for these designs before they can be taken forward.

A topographical survey has been completed for a potential police [speed] monitoring lay-by and work started on the design to see whether it is possible to safely accommodate a monitoring layby within our highway land boundary.

My officials alongside our agent and representatives of Eglwyscwmmin Community Council are in the process of arranging a meeting in July / August to discuss concerns and current proposals.

Turning to the request for street lighting and the use of deceleration tapers (slip-roads), these are not deemed a requirement under current UK design standards owing to the volume of vehicles using the junction and recorded collision data from police not suggesting a collision problem during hours of darkness. However, my officials will continue to monitor the junction.

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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.

A scheme has been added to the 2025/26 funding programme to identify potential preventative short term safety interventions at Red Roses – in the case of the monitoring layby it will be conditional on not requiring third party land and gaining support from the Police and GoSafe.

Any resulting safety interventions will need to be prioritised against other safety schemes across the whole network and in alignment with current Welsh Government policy and criteria.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Ken Skates AS/MS

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