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Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions Committee

29 January 2026

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 10 December regarding the A477 at Red Roses and the concerns raised by Eglwyscummin Community Council, in their letter of 18 November 2025. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

I appreciate the suggestion of Eglwyscummin Community Council regarding the timing of the new CCTV survey as seasonal variations are an important factor.

I can confirm that funding has been allocated for a 7-day survey this summer. Whilst multiple surveys over a longer period can provide a broader dataset, our current approach is to plan survey work within confirmed 12-month funding cycles and apply this consistently across Wales. Continuous or permanent 24-hour monitoring is not standard practice as it requires significant cost and data processing labour and must be prioritised where it provides the greatest network-wide benefit.

Officials will ensure that the survey captures meaningful information to support a robust assessment of the junction and to help inform future decisions. The timing of the survey will be aligned with the peak summer tourist period to ensure traffic conditions representative of seasonal demand are captured. Any future survey work will be subject to the availability of funding and programme priorities.

Our South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) met with GoSafe in December 2025 to assess a proposed speed-enforcement layby. GoSafe confirmed the site is suitable for monitoring westbound traffic towards the A477 Red Roses Junction and funding has been allocated. Construction of the enforcement layby is planned for this financial year, dependent on weather conditions, contractor availability, necessary approvals and traffic management plans.

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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.

I can also confirm that funding has been allocated for the 2026 / 2027 financial year to provide an appraisal of street lighting requirements at Red Roses.

Any assessment will need to consider a range of factors, including safety data and how the junction operates in different conditions. Police recorded personal injury collisions remain the primary evidence base for the appraisal and any assessment must be based on injury collisions occurring during the hours of darkness.

Although damage-only incidents can indicate local operational issues, they are not recorded to the same standard as injury collisions and therefore cannot be relied upon as primary evidence for lighting justification. As part of the assessment, we will request SWTRA visit the site to review the junction and identify issues not evident from a desktop analysis. Any recommendations arising from this work would then be considered alongside available funding and all-Wales priorities.

Welsh Government officials have attended the site alongside SWTRA to understand the operational issues. SWTRA Route Managers also regularly monitor the A477 route, including the Red Roses junction, under different conditions and at different times of day. Any relevant findings are reported to Welsh Government and used to inform future considerations.

Due to data protection and information governance requirements, the Welsh Government is unable to routinely share raw CCTV footage or detailed datasets. However, we will share the conclusions and an executive summary of the findings with the community council once the analysis has been completed.

Finally, I have noted your request to continue dialogue with the community council moving forward. I would be grateful if any further correspondence can be directed to welshgovernment.transport@gov.wales so that officials can consider and provide a direct response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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