

P-04-468 Road Safety Concerns A48 Chepstow – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 17.10.14.

Petitions Committee

Thank you so much for keeping us informed regarding the Petitions Committee continued consideration of the petition from pupils of Wyedean School submitted a year ago regarding the request for a 30mph speed limit on the narrow A48 bridge over the River Wye at Chepstow.

The letter of 7 October 2014 received from the Transport Minister, Edwina Hart AM, in response to your letter of 30 April 2014, refers to a feasibility study which has been completed and is being considered by officials.

We are not aware of a study on the safety issue of the A48. There is a study on Air Quality in Chepstow on the route of the A48 up to but not including the A48 bridge. Perhaps the Air Quality Study Report has been extended to cover also the safety issue of the A48. In our response to the Air Quality Study back in October 2013 we did mention our concerns about the A48 bridge being dangerous for pedestrians and particularly school children even though this was not in the brief for the study.

If the report before the Minister does cover the safety issue and covers reducing the 50mph speed limit to 30mph on the A48 bridge we would welcome its speedy implementation as it is now well over a year since the pupils raised the issue.

The Adjustment of the speed limit back to 30mph requires the publication of a notice in the press and the removal of two '50mph' signs. It need take no longer than 2 months to implement.

It does seem that a great deal of time has passed since the pupils' petition but no action has happened yet despite the daily danger to pedestrians and pupils and the lack of any clear reason or advantage in retaining the 50mph limit.

We appreciate your efforts to move this matter forward.

Sandra Bushell

Town Clerk