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William Powell AM Petitions Committee Chair

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Dear William,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding our plans for two junctions on the A470 near Dolgellau.

Following observation of CCTV footage from the A493 and A494 junctions, I have decided that installation of roundabouts at both junctions will provide the most appropriate solution for road users and the local community.

We will need to identify appropriate mitigation of the ecological impact of the works, and these studies will begin in the spring when species such as lesser horseshoe bats become more active. Studies and design will be completed through the summer and construction should then start early in 2016, to be completed in early spring 2017. I have made funding available in both 2015/16 and 2016/17.

In the meantime, I have asked officials to carry out any improvements possible to the temporary traffic signal installations at the junctions, to reduce disruption through the summer months. For major events such as the Royal Welsh Show it may be necessary to manually control the signals at peak times.

Edwina Hart