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Dear *David,*

Thank you for your letter of 30 October regarding Petition P-05-792, to extend the 40mph speed limit in Blaenporth.

We have recently introduced a 40mph restriction on a section of the A487 at Blaenporth to improve road safety. However, I fully appreciate the continued concerns within the community.

The petitioner may wish to be aware that under the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure 2008 (the Measure), local authorities have a duty to risk assess walked routes to school, including walked routes between home and pick-up/drop off points.

Parents and learners have a right to request that the local authority assesses the safety of the route described and to accompany the risk assessors along the route to explain their concerns.

More widely, section 2 of the Measure also places a statutory duty on local authorities to assess the travel needs of learners. Travel needs are defined as the needs of learners in terms of the travel arrangements between home and school. The safety of the walked route and the route between home and the pick-up/drop-off point is fundamental to such travel arrangements.

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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.

In addition, we have recently commenced a three year Speed Limit Review looking at road safety issues at over 600 sites on all trunk roads in Wales. I have asked my officials to take on board the comments raised within the petition as part of this process, when this section of the A487 is reviewed.

The results will be made available online and any works arising from the wider review will be programmed over the next three to four years.

Yours ever,

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