



Cynulliad National  
Cenedlaethol Assembly for  
Cymru Wales

## **The Petitions Committee**

### **Completion Report**

**Summary of the Petitions Committee's consideration of  
P-03-163 Improvements to the A487**

**April 2009**

**Petition Received**

8 July 2008

**Ruled admissible**

6 August 2008

**Initial Consideration****6 November 2008**

The Committee gave initial consideration to the petition, and agreed to write to the Deputy First Minister to ask for specific information on the locations referred to in the petition and for the Assembly Government's policy on trunk road roundabouts

(See Annex 1 for the relevant extract from the transcript of the meeting on 6 November 2008 and Annex 2 for the letter sent by the Chair to the Deputy First Minister)

**Further Consideration****13 January 2009**

The Committee considered a response from the Deputy First Minister, and agreed to invite the petitioner to respond to the Deputy First Minister's letter in writing

(See Annex 1 for the relevant extract from the transcript of the meeting on 13 January 2009 and Annex 2 for the response received from the Deputy First Minister)

**31 March 2009**

The Committee considered a response from the petitioner, and agreed that as most of the improvements the petition requested are in the process of being implemented it has taken the petition as far as it can, and concluded its consideration of the petition.

**Petitions Clerk**

**April 2009**

## **Annex 1**

# Extracts from Petitions Committee meeting transcripts

## 6 November 2008

**Val Lloyd:** Our next new petition is on the improvements to the A487. I will paraphrase the petition wording because it is quite long. The petition collected 820 signatures. I do not know the area at all so, I am sorry, I cannot summarise it, but the petition is due to the increasing number of accidents occurring on the A487 between Bryn Hendre and Rhydtir railway bridge. The petitioners wish for five measures to be taken, which they list. I have difficulty in visualising this. Is it possible to ask for a map before the next meeting? Would that be helpful?

**Bethan Jenkins:** That would be helpful for other committee members.

**Michael German:** I believe that we should repeat what we have done with the last petition and ask the Minister, when we have seen the map, what he is proposing to do, but also what the policy is on trunk roads in terms of roundabouts, lighting, speed limits and crossings. We have three of those from the previous letter, so the only extra one this time is roundabouts.

**Val Lloyd:** I think that that would be very useful, and we would also have the policy for any future petitions then, would we not?

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** We may have discussed roundabouts previously; was there not a petition for a roundabout at a Tesco store?

**Michael German:** Yes, but we did not ask for the policy that time, but I have thought about this since then. If we have the Government's policy on roundabouts on record, then at least it would be easier to judge next time.

**Val Lloyd:** Does anyone know the area?

**Bethan Jenkins:** I do.

**Michael German:** So do I.

**Val Lloyd:** I am in the minority then. Could we have a map, if that is possible?

**Michael German:** It is all student land, and students are not particularly good at crossing roads and looking at the traffic, as far as I can remember.

**Bethan Jenkins:** It is very dangerous.

**Michael German:** Yes, and people drive very quickly on that road.

## 13 January 2009

**Val Lloyd:** The next petition is on improvements to the A487 near Aberystwyth. Again, we have had a reply from the Deputy First Minister stating that officials are in the process of preparing a draft regulation Order to extend the speed limit, that there are plans to introduce a roundabout, and that the Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency will continue to monitor safety on that section and take further action if necessary.

**Michael German:** Could we ask the petitioners whether they have further comments to make?

**Val Lloyd:** Yes, I think so, because they know their area.

**Michael German:** There has been some more success with this petition than with the previous petition.

### **31 March 2009**

**Val Lloyd:** We will move to petition P-03-163 on improvements to the A487. We have received a response from the lead petitioner following the Minister for Economy and Transport's response about what has taken place. A roundabout has been introduced, has it not?

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** Have the aspirations of this petition been met, Chair?

**Val Lloyd:** I think that they have been hugely met. There are some smaller points that have not—

**Bethan Jenkins:** The ramps above Waunfawr crossroads have not been implemented.

**Val Lloyd:** The major issues have been addressed.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** As the major issues have been addressed, I move that we close the petition because the bulk of what was required of us seems to have been achieved.

**Val Lloyd:** I agree that this petition has virtually been fully addressed and I agree that it should be closed.

**Bethan Jenkins:** There are negative points in the letter, but there are also positives, and the petitioners have had the opportunity to write back to us to say what they think. So, we have given them due consideration.

**Val Lloyd:** Thank you very much. This petition is closed.

## **Annex 2**

## Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

### Petitions Committee

Ieuan Wyn Jones AM  
Deputy First Minister and  
Minister for Economy and Transport  
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Our ref: PET-03-162/3

21 November 2008

Dear Ieuan Wyn

#### **PETITIONS - ROAD SAFETY ON A40 NEAR LLANSPYDDID AND A487 NEAR ABERYSTWYTH**

The Petitions Committee considered the above petition for the first time on 16 October 2008. The petition was raised by the Llanspyddid Residents Association and is supported by Glyn Tarell Community Council, Powys County Council and Dyfed Powys Police.

Following its initial consideration of this petition, the Committee agreed to ask that you provide it with details of any action that the Welsh Assembly Government has taken in relation to the petitioners' concerns over the safety of the 'Llanspyddid junction' ( a junction on the A40 trunk road near Llanspyddid, Powys). Specifically, whether you have considered:

- Reducing the current speed limit
- Improving roadside lighting
- Improving roadside signage

In addition, the Committee agreed to ask that you provide it with the Welsh Assembly Government's general policies on lighting, signage and speed limits on trunk roads.

The wording for this petition is available via the Petitions Committee's website:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/dogfennau-busnes-deisebau/p-03-162.htm>

The Committee is also considering a separate petition regarding a one-mile stretch of the A487 trunk road between the top of Penglais Hill in Aberystwyth and Bow Street. The petition calls for a range of improvements to this stretch of trunk road. I have provided a link to the petition wording, which includes more specific details of the actions that the petitioners are calling for.

Following its initial consideration of this petition, the Committee agreed to ask that you provide it with details of any action that the Welsh Assembly Government has taken to improve the safety of this stretch of road.

In addition, the Committee agreed to ask that you provide it with the Welsh Assembly Government's general policy on roundabouts and crossings on trunk roads.

The wording for this petition is available via the Petitions Committee's website:

<http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/dogfennau-busnes-deisebau/p-03-163.htm>

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Val Lloyd". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Val Lloyd**  
**Chair, Petitions Committee**



**Ieuan Wyn Jones AC/AM**  
Dirprwy Brif Weinidog /Deputy First Minister



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Ein cyf/Our ref DFM/02222/08

Val Lloyd AM  
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17 DEC 2008

15 December 2008

*Dear Val*

Thank you for your letter of the 21 November regarding petitions received for road safety on the A40 Trunk Road near Llanspyddid and the A487 Trunk Road near Aberystwyth.

Turning first to the A487 near Aberystwyth (P-03-163), officials are in the process of preparing a draft traffic regulation order to extend the speed limit between Waenfawr Crossroads and Maes Hendre. We are also planning to provide a new roundabout at Dorglwyd junction. In conjunction with the Mid Wales Trunk Agency, the Welsh Assembly Government will continue to monitor conditions on the A487 and will take further action as appropriate.

With regard to the A40 near Llanspyddid (P-03-162), there is limited development along the trunk road. Under the current guidelines this section of road does not warrant a reduction of speed limit. There are no proposals to reduce the speed limit.

The junction is typical of many unlit rural junctions and there are no plans to introduce lighting at this site.

Footways have been improved in the area recently to allow better access locally.

The accident record does not indicate that there is a safety problem at the junction. The 5 accidents that have occurred since 2003 relate to slow moving vehicles accessing lay-by to the east. In view of the concerns expressed by the residents, officials have asked the Mid Wales Trunk Road Agency to carry out a review of the trunk road through Llanspyddid to investigate if safety can be improved. This will be carried out in 2009/10 subject to the availability of funding in competition with other schemes.

*Yours  
Ieuan*

**Ieuan Wyn Jones**  
Gweinidog dros yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth  
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