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Joint statement / request to Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Economy, Science and Transport  
via Kirsty Williams, AM for Brecon and Radnorshire

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### Road Safety Works following WG Trunk Road Safety Review Local Speed Limits in Llanhamlach and Llanspyddid (A40) and Nant Ddu (A470)

Our two Community Councils have resolved to write jointly to request early action from the Welsh Government on implementing local speed limits of 50mph through the villages of Llanhamlach, Llanspyddid and Nant Ddu. The national speed limit of 60mph currently still exists through these three villages.

#### Background

We provided evidence on the traffic safety issues relating to these three villages to the Network Management Division in 2014 during the course of the Trunk Road Safety Review. In each village, the case for a local speed limit providing a safer environment for all road users (i.e. through traffic, local traffic turning on and off the road, and pedestrians) is clear. Both Community Councils have already made known their disappointment at the delayed action for these villages in the decisions of the WG Review published in January 2015.

Our AM Kirsty Williams, MP Roger Williams and now Chris Davies, and Powys County Councillor Liam Fitzpatrick have all consistently supported our case for local speed limits.

The WG updated the Trunk Road Safety Review last summer. In response to requests from Kirsty Williams, the WG has provided details and timescales of the 36 schemes for road safety works that are now scheduled across Brecon and Radnorshire following the Review. (These are listed in the Minister's letter to Kirsty Williams dated 2 February 2016, ref EH/00213/16, with further details in an Excel spreadsheet from the National Assembly Research Service, ref RS152961. The 36 schemes correspond with the locations and the Review decisions published by the WG on the Traffic Wales website.)

Kirsty Williams has shared the above information with the CARS (Community Action for Road Safety) group, which is active in south Powys and to which our Community Councils belong. Our examination of the 36 schemes shows that 21 of these are adjustments to existing 30, 40 or 50mph local speed limits.

15 schemes apply to locations where the national speed limit of 60mph currently exists. The majority of these are stretches of road with only isolated houses. It seems that Llanhamlach, Llanspyddid and Nant Ddu are the only villages within the 36 schemes that (a) have the size and local user needs to warrant a local speed limit, but (b) still have the national speed limit.

#### Fair treatment of our villages

We believe this demonstrates the special case for early action to provide the three villages with the local speed limit that other villages on trunk roads across mid Wales already have. In relation to the WG's budget for its road safety schemes, the cost of providing 50mph signage and road markings for the three villages would be relatively small.

We also believe that in delaying the WG is losing sight of the original rationale for the Review as set out in 2009 in its Guidance on *Setting Local Speed Limits in Wales*. Key objectives were to improve consistency in speed limits across Wales and to provide a safer environment for all road users in villages such as ours by the end of 2014.

We believe there is no justification for delaying the implementation of local speed limits as currently indicated by the WG - that is for Llanspyddid and Nant Ddu an 'earliest start date of 2017/18', or for Llanhamlach 'reflecting first on the results of the 50mph trial on the A479 between Talgarth and Tretower' due to finish in July 2016. The situation on this stretch of the A479 is quite different from that in Llanhamlach.

We place our request on record and look forward to constructive discussion on implementing these local speed limits in the shortest practical timescale.



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