

Orders Branch,
Transport Dept for Economic Infrastructure,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff CF10 3NQ.
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Dear Sir

Reference number: qA1316455, Llanddewi Velfrey By-pass

I write in support of the proposed by-pass. As the former clerk to the Community Council I share the concerns of local residents that have been recorded for many years. One local resident now approaching 70 says he can remember calls for a by-pass when he was at school! I cannot speak for the Community Council now, but can recall many letters over the 20 years I was in office to MP's, AM's, Trunk Road Agency, Petitions Committee making the case for local residents and repeating time after time the same concerns. Several Assembly members, local MP's past and present and the former Deputy First Minister have all seen the problems first hand and agreed to support our campaign, yet very little has been done.

The concerns are:

- Excessive speed of vehicles travelling through the village (reinforced by several traffic surveys)
- Inadequate controls in place to impose speed limits
- Poor safety record (acknowledged in a Welsh Government Transport Review)
- Poorly aligned junctions that are unsafe
- Lack of safe crossing places for pedestrians especially for school children crossing to reach their school buses
- Narrow footways unsafe for pedestrians and inadequate for wheelchair-users mobility scooters and pushchairs
 - In a survey of residents prior to submission of our petition to the Petitions Committee, P-03-240, several elderly residents said they drove the short distance from their homes to the local shop as it was too dangerous to walk alongside the A40
 - Trunk Road Engineers tasked with carrying out survey work on the pavements alongside the A40 said that it breached Health and Safety guidelines

As a result of all the above we have a divided community in challenging times when working together in local communities is more important than ever. While I am mindful that building the by-pass will have a negative effect on some residents, I feel strongly that this is outweighed by the significant benefits to the community as a whole and the majority of residents.

Yours sincerely
Lynda Hill