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Mr Geraint Edwards,  
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**Private and Confidential**  
**Re: Pont Fawr, Llanrwst**  
Dear Geraint,

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I am writing with regards to concerns that have been raised with me about Pont Fawr, Llanrwst.

This historic bridge, designed by Indigo Jones, provides one of the main routes for pedestrians and vehicles across the Conwy River. More so, along with Tu Hwnt Ir Bont, the crossing has become one of Wales' most iconic images – displayed in travel agents as far away as the South Island, New Zealand!

Given the above, it is with significant concern that I have seen damage caused to the bridge over recent years. Whilst I welcome the fact that it has been repaired on every occasion, other concerns have been raised with me about the bridge also. For example, I understand that:

1. there are regular stalemates at the apex – with vehicles refusing to reverse
2. reversing into the A470 can be very hazardous
3. reversing in any direction poses a risk to pedestrians using the bridge
4. the light on the Trefriw side does not achieve its assumed aim (ensuring a controlled traffic flow), and causes confusion – resulting in drivers still having to reverse despite the traffic system being in place.

Finally, with many destinations becoming increasingly popular on the west side of the Conwy, it is reasonable to believe that there has been a significant increase in traffic using Pont Fawr. Given that this pattern is likely to continue, I do believe that the above issues need addressing before the situation becomes any worse. It follows that I would be very grateful if you could kindly undertake a full investigation into whether the current traffic control system for the bridge is adequate, and clarify whether if alternative – more effective – system could be introduced.

Yours sincerely

Mi wnaiff Janet Finch-Saunders cadw unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol yn gwbl gyfrinachol, ac fel arfer mi fydd rhaid iddi rannu'r wybodaeth 'efo aelodau o staff i'w galluogi nhw i ddelfio 'efo'r awdurdodau perthinasol er mwyn eich helpu a'ch cynorthwyo chi. Efallai mi fydd angen i rywun ysgrifennu atoch er mwyn darparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf o bwys. Gadwch wybod i ni os nad oes diddordeb gennych mewn cael eich cysylltu at y diben hwn.

Janet Finch-Saunders will treat in confidence any personal information which you may pass on to her, and she will normally allow her staff to see it, so that they can consult with relevant authorities in order to help and advise you. We may wish to write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues which you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose.



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