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Via Email.

05/08/2021 REF: JFS/TH/RE Office of Janet Finch-Saunders MS, 29 Madoc Street, Llandudno, LL30 2TL. 01492 871198

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Re: Queen's Road Safety Concerns

Dear Geraint,

I hope this letter finds you and your team well.

As you may recall, at the close of last year I kindly requested a site meeting at Queen's Road in Craig-y-Don, so that we could discuss what traffic calming measures could be introduced to further protect pedestrian safety. Following a successful campaign to increase investment in the Craig-y-Don play area, I was clear that the ongoing traffic issue presents a real risk to the safety of young local children. Indeed, the speed of vehicles using Queen's Road has been a key point of concern for local residents for many years. With one boy having been knocked over, and constituents fearful when crossing the road, it is clear that action is needed to improve safety.

Our socially distanced site visit in December 2020, alongside local Councillors, and members of the Friends of Queen's Park, was a positive first step towards realising what changes are necessary in the longer term. Given the time that has elapsed, to provide your team with time to review the issue during challenging public health circumstances, I would welcome an update from your department so that I may review the details of the promised survey of the road. I would also welcome an overview of your forward plans to mitigate the speeding issue, including what features are to be introduced to ensure that all road users are kept safe.

An email from your office dated 7th September 2020 outlined that the local authority has long-term plans as part of your Active Travel Integrated Network Map for the development of such routes across the Queen's Road area. However, you outlined at the time that there was currently no timetable for developing these as other projects were to be prioritised, particularly those that have more potential to increase active travel such as routes to schools with high numbers of pupils, and routes within the town centre. Given that we are now within a new financial year, I would be most pleased if you could kindly provide an update on the INM work and whether a review of the Queen's Road area has been undertaken to re-categorise the road as a priority.

Please be advised that a similar such letter has been sent to Gareth Jones, the Road Safety Manager of North Wales Police. I look forward to receiving this information in due course. In the meantime, please do accept my best wishes the health and well-being of you and your team at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Finch-Saunders MS/AS