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By Email

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Re: Pont Fawr, Llanrwst

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Dear Deputy Minister, Lee,

I am writing with regards to my ongoing concerns about Pont Fawr, Llanrwst, especially following recent damage.

As you are aware, whilst Pont Fawr forms part of the B5106 and as such falls under the care of Conwy County Borough Council, the scheduled monument is on the junction with the A470.

On 1 July 2021 I wrote to you asking that you undertake a feasibility study into having an alternative signal controlled solution on the A470 for Pont Fawr in Llanrwst. You responded on 12 July 2021 stating:

"In the next financial year 2022/23, we will be undertaking a WelTAG stage 1 appraisal of the route from Glan Conwy to Betws Y Coed. This will consider all issues along that corridor aligning with the priorities of the Wales Transport Strategy. In the meantime, I would be happy for my officials to discuss any proposals Conwy County Borough Council may have for the bridge and consider any improvements that could be made to the trunk road to facilitate these proposals."

Both of us have subsequently undertaken considerable correspondence relating to the fact that the promised WelTAG stage 1 appraisal has not been undertaken.

Whilst you and the Welsh Government have chosen to delay any consideration of positive solutions further, no progress has been made on the promised discussions with the Local Authority officials. Indeed, in light of further serious damage to the scheduled monument, I recently wrote to Mr Geraint Edwards, Head of Environment, Roads, and Facilities, with a request that he contact the Welsh Government or North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent (NMWTRA) with the offer of cooperating to develop a potential model which includes a signal controlled scheme on the A470 for Pont Fawr. Such a move could assist with easier movement onto the bridge, and reduce the number of times vehicles are having to reverse.

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The Head of Service has written to me today stating “We will ask NMWTRA for an update on the matter and to keep us informed on any developments as they materialise.”

Given the above, I would be grateful if you could encourage the NMWTRA to cooperate with the Local Authority in an effort to develop a new signal controlled solution for Pont Fawr which involves both the B5106 and A470.

Kind regards,

Janet

Janet Finch-Saunders MS/AS