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Dear Mrs Finch-Saunders,

Thank you for your letter regarding your public meeting at Betws y Coed regarding Sappers Bridge. As we informed you previously, we will be engaging with the local community regarding the active travel scheme to upgrade and reopen the bridge. The concerns of residents and business owners are noted and I'm sure we will hear similar feedback during our own consultation process.

An important point is that as "repair" involves the dismantling and reconstruction of the bridge, the timescale would essentially be the very similar to dismantling and reconstruction to modern standards.

With reference to the suggestions for a temporary solution: a temporary bridge with a 50m span across a main river is a major project which in itself would take many months to design and construct, and with no source of funding that we are aware of. Similarly, a shuttle bus service would be a significant unfunded cost. The Fflecsi service operates from 6:30am to 7:00pm. These hours have been agreed with Welsh Government who provide the customer service and back office operating system.

We recognise that the existing closure means that the walking route from Lon Muriau to the centre of Betws y Coed via the A470 is 1.5km rather than 0.6km, which is an inconvenience.

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ymateb i unrhyw ohebiaeth yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at unrhyw oedi.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh. We will respond to any correspondence in Welsh which will not lead to a delay.



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Therefore, our focus is on getting a new bridge in place as soon as possible and which is accessible to all. We hope to have some concept designs finished in the next few weeks, which we will share with you and hope you will continue to support this important project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G.B. Edwards', written in a cursive style.

G.B. Edwards  
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