



Mark Drakeford MS  
First Minister  
Welsh Government  
***Via email***  
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**Re: Setting Local Speed Limits**

Dear First Minister, Mark,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing with regards to the Setting Local Speed Limit guidance which continues to prevent local authorities from taking positive and pre-emptive action to address speed and other road traffic concerns along public highways.

As I am sure you will recall I have previously outlined my concerns regarding Welsh Government guidance which places emphasis on the number of road traffic collisions which have occurred on a particular stretch of highway, opposed to emphasis being placed on the risk of accidents and number of near misses at a location. In response to these concerns you assured me that a review of this guidance would be undertaken from 2020 onwards. Please find a copy of a report I produced on highways in the West of the Conwy Valley, which highlights the problem your current guidance is causing.

I have recently raised concerns with Conwy County Borough Council (CCBC) regarding the speed of traffic, the risks of a potential road collision and the number of near misses which has occurred along the B5106 between Dolgarrog and Trefriw. Unfortunately, CCBC has now informed me that speed reduction will not be implemented as this section of highway is in line with national guidance.

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Given this, I am writing to kindly request that you advise me of when the review of Setting Local Speed Limit guidance will commence, as well as when it is due to be completed and its findings published. Additionally, I would ask that you assure me that during this review the Welsh Government will seek to promote and empower local authorities to take pre-emptive and positive action to address public highways of concern.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to receiving your response in due course. In the meantime, please do accept my best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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