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Dear Llyr

I'd like to draw your attention and the attention of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee to the Welsh Government's Roads Review, and specifically the Scope of the review within it's Terms of Reference: <https://gov.wales/roads-review-panel/terms-reference>

It states:

The Welsh Ministers wish this to be as broad an exercise as reasonably possible so that it is able to develop criteria that are applicable to all future schemes. The general scope of the review is to include all proposed road investment, whether funded directly by Welsh Government (WG) on the Strategic Road Network (SRN) or indirectly by grant on the Local Road Network (LRN), subject to the following:...

3. Access roads with the primary purpose of linking a site or premises for heavy industry to the public highway, or within the boundary of a heavy industry development site, will be excluded from the review. Access roads with the primary purpose of serving residential, retail and light office / light industrial developments should be paused at the next decision gateway to allow them to be considered by the review panel.

Access roads to heavy industry, or within the boundary of heavy industry development sites are exempt from the review, while lighter access roads, to serve residential and light industry are included within the review.

This seems contradictory to the ambition of the review. Heavy industry is far more polluting than new residential developments and light industry. This policy on the face of it will allow polluting practices to continue, while working against the development of more environmentally friendly, less polluting industry.

It is, in my view, worth the time of the committee to call the Minister to explain the rational and the science behind this decision.

I believe that it would also be worthwhile to challenge the Government on how this review fits the development of both the A465 and A4119.

I hope the committee will consider this request favourably.

Yours Sincerely

