

# P-06-1319 Provide a pedestrian crossing on A4042 at Goytre Arms crossroads and reduce the speed limit to 20mph

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**Petition title:** Provide a pedestrian crossing on A4042 at Goytre Arms crossroads and reduce the speed limit to 20mph

**Text of petition:** Make it safe for residents of Penperlleni to cross the A4042 at the Goytre Arms crossroads by providing a pedestrian crossing and extending the existing 20mph speed limit in the village to include this section of the A4042.

## 1. Background

The Welsh Government is the highway authority and traffic authority responsible for the Welsh trunk road and motorway network. Local authorities are responsible for local roads. The A4042 forms part of the Welsh trunk road network.



The Welsh Government works with two trunk road agents, the South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) and the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent (NMWTRA), to manage, maintain and improve the network.

The Welsh Government is responsible for setting speed limits on trunk roads in line with its current guidance. This was issued in 2009 and states that “20mph speed limits may be used on trunk roads in exceptional circumstances, generally over short lengths and for limited times of the day”.

The Welsh Government is in the process of updating its guidance on setting speed limits ahead of legislation to reduce the default limit on restricted roads to 20mph coming into force.

## 2. Welsh Government action

In a letter to the Chair dated 27 January 2023, the Deputy Minister for Climate Change outlines that speed limits across the trunk road network are regularly reviewed in line with the current guidance (see above).

There are no current plans to reduce the limit on the stretch of road in question. However the Deputy Minister suggests that as the guidance is being updated, this may result in “a change in the criteria for lower speed limits in Wales”. He says the Welsh Government will review speed limits across the trunk road network following publication of the updated guidance.

In relation to the Petitioner’s call for a pedestrian crossing, the letter sets out that an assessment has already commenced and the threshold for putting a crossing in place has been met.

In 2022, as reported in the media, the Welsh Government suggested that while the criteria had been met there was no funding available. The Deputy Minister’s letter states that “funding for this project [has now been secured] and...stage 2 of the assessment will take place this financial year”.

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