

Illuminated flashing speed signs coming soon!

The Community council have been active in trying to address the serious issue of speeding vehicles through the village. The Llanbedr Speedwatch team (all local volunteers), have been in operation now since the spring of 2019. They periodically monitor vehicles caught speeding in the village with details of offenders downloaded onto a Police database website.

Detailed separate reports have also been provided by the Speedwatch group, and these have been passed onto the Police, Welsh ministers and relevant Government departments.

The following highlights recent correspondence between: Darren Millar AM (Clwyd West); Ken Skates MS (Minister of the Economy); and Tim Barnes (Highways).

Correspondence from the Welsh Government regarding vehicle speeding in Llanbedr:

31st July 2020

Dear Lyn and Gruff,

Please see the email below from the Welsh Government's Network Management Division, which is responsible for the A494 Trunk Road.

As you will see, the Welsh Government is now planning to install flashing speed signs on the road through the village. These signs will be insitu for up to two weeks at a time and return to the village periodically as part of a rotation with other communities on the Trunk Road network. The signs will also act as a monitor of speeds during the periods for which they are in place.

While this isn't the permanent flashing signs that we were looking for, it is a step in the right direction so I hope that you will join me in welcoming the news.

There is no timescale for the erection of the signs as yet but they should be in place by March of next year.

I've copied in Cllr Huw Williams to this email given his interest in this matter.

Kind regards,

Darren

**Darren Millar MS/AS
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31 July 2020

Dear Mr Millar

Thank you for your letter of 20 July to Ken Skates the Minister for the Economy, Transport and North Wales. Given the current crisis and volume of correspondence the Minister is receiving, he has asked me to respond to you on this occasion.

Welsh Government have reviewed the existing speed management measures in Llanbedr DC and have concluded that two illuminated signs to encourage compliance with the speed limit should be erected, one in either direction. These would be in place for up to 2 weeks before being taken down and rotated around this and other similar sites on the trunk road network in north Wales. The work is currently at the design stage with a view to erecting the signs as soon as possible. These are unprecedented times and whilst the work will be progressed in the current financial year, we are unable to provide a more specific timescale at present.

Yours sincerely

Tim Barnes

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20th July 2020

Dear Ken,

Further to your letter attached, I would be grateful for an update on the Speed Limit Review on the A494 trunk road in Llanbedr and any action that the Welsh Government proposes to take to address excessive speeds on the highway.

Yesterday, the local Community Speed Watch team recorded 98 motorbikes between 4:02pm and 5:20pm and 60 vehicles exceeding the speed limit with top speeds of 51. I am sure that you will agree with me that such speeds must be addressed.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Yours,

Darren

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