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## **QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

Response by the Cabinet Member:

Thank you for your question, which is an important issue for consideration. As you were advised by the Traffic and Travel Manager on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022, the Highway Authority have agreed that a speed limit would be appropriate on the A490 in the vicinity of Groes Llwyd. A full assessment will now be taking place by the traffic team in accordance with the published guidance from the Welsh Government on setting local speed limits. Once the necessary surveys and assessment has been concluded, a scheme will be drawn up of the most appropriate solution. This solution will then be considered and ranked against all other requests across the county and included within the traffic Management and Small Road Safety Scheme budget. Its ranking within the list will then determine its likely time frame for the legal process and signage changes to be made.

I appreciate that this is of significant concern within the local community and you have provided a very good case already on behalf of your community. However there are equally other areas that have their own issues that are also wishing for their schemes to be considered as a matter of urgency. Within other locations over the recent past, the Community Councils have funded the legal process of the Traffic Order process to raise the scheme within the ranking and ensure that it is implemented sooner than would normally apply. Examples include speed limit changes within Berriew and Llangattock as well as parking restrictions in Glasbury. I can confirm that the £4000 is not to initiate the investigations it is to initiate the legal procedure required to make the signage changes for a speed limit.

The Highways team want the same as you for the communities we serve but there are considerable constraints. By suggesting the Community Council pay for the legal process is a way forward should you wish to take this route.

Following the Councillors forum meeting at Welshpool Depot last week Highways Operations have investigated a possible quick fix regarding the visibility splay exiting Groes Llywd Junction. Officers confirm that provided there are no issues with landownership the vegetation can be scheduled for cutting back, and this should be completed before the Christmas.