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Dear Councillor Fychan,

Re: Petition for Graigwen and Berw Road Areas, Pontypridd

I refer to your recent petition regarding the above and respond to the relevant traffic points raised as follows: -

Graigwen Petition

Speeding – The Police are responsible for the enforcement of speed limits on the highway; therefore, this matter will be brought to their attention in order for them to consider appropriate enforcement action.

It should also be noted that in line with Welsh Government proposals the Council are in the process of changing the majority of existing 30mph speed limits throughout the County Borough to default to 20mph during 2023.

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However, the request for traffic calming has been recorded for future consideration should the above circumstances change and subject to the necessary funding being available.

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The essential point is to consider all the existing conditions in the road and devise a suitable scheme in consultation with the local members and the community. Where requests for new crossings, or changes to existing facilities are made, each is assessed in accordance with DfT advice and will be provided according to need in a future programme of works.

I have therefore noted your request for a pedestrian crossing on Graigwen Hill and recorded the details for future consideration.

Parking - The provision or removal of waiting restrictions requires that a Traffic Regulation Order is made. This is both time consuming and relatively expensive, as the process requires consultations and period of Public Notice which includes two press advertisements. We receive numerous requests for these measures and with a limited budget we are only able to implement a few each year. This year's programme has already been approved and it is not feasible to include additional schemes at this time.

The Council has no powers to deal with obstructive or dangerous parking unless the vehicles are parked where waiting restrictions are in force. Your concerns will be passed to the Police in order that they may consider appropriate action, however, residents may also wish to report instances of obstructive parking to the police in order that they may deal with them at the time they occur.

### Berw Road Petition

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I have therefore noted your request for a pedestrian crossing on Berw Road and recorded the details for future consideration.

I trust the foregoing responds to the queries raised.

Yours sincerely



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