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16/08/18
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Dear Sir Ref HTTR-1513

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PRIF WEITHREDWR

I wish to object to your proposal to provide speed humps out side the above property.

There is a major problem in this area due to the culvert running down from the hills above Ystrad Farm, which is the boundary of the property, and goes under the road at the corner of the property. In the winter when heavy rains persist, the pipe work is not big enough to take all the water. This results in water flooding on to the B4312 and runs both ways to road gullies in this area. The water is some 9 to 12 inches deep at times and is of extreme danger to road traffic.

I am surprised that you are not aware of this problem, as over the years many meetings have been held regarding this issue. The County Council has spent considerable sums in changing the Rhydygors School Sewerage outlet, which affected the culvert and have also at another time put in another road gully to help take the water away. Also my own insurance company paid for a collapse in the road drainage as it affected my property. I understand the rules have been changed since, and even as a single property the County Council is responsible from now on.

I am available to show any of your staff the extent of the problem, as any obstruction to the water flow on these occasions is quite dangerous.

I fully accept the need to reduce speed in this area. I did write to you when Q. E. School was extended to suggest the 20 mph limit should only apply at school opening and closing times. The 20 mph is not complied with by the majority of motorists and evidence of this can be confirmed by the Police Authority.

The main people(mostly children) and vehicle traffic in the area is due to Rhydygors School. Any speed restriction must be before traffic reaches this school from the Llanstephan side. Therefore, if you believe in speed humps, your proposals must be to provide another speed hump before the existing site, not after it. Unfortunately the acceleration away from these speed humps by some drivers has to be seen to be believed. I still believe the sensible solution would be to provide speed cameras at this end of the village as is the case at the other end.

I would be obliged if you could inform me of your final decision on this matter.

Yours Faithfully

Graham Harries