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Dear Mr. Skates,

A487 Caernarfon and Bontnewydd Bypass - life safety dangers at the Goat roundabout

It is very pleasing that at last, this essential section of North Wales infrastructure is to be built, it will be a great boost to the local economy and encourage more tourism.

As you know North Wales promotes itself on healthy active holidays of walking, mountain climbing, surfing, sailing etc.

However you have the bypass terminating at the Goat roundabout junction with the A499 and the A487 trunk roads also the Lon Eifion trail is a major crossing point for cyclists and pedestrians. In your letter of 26 September 2016 to The Ramblers you are proposing a Toucan crossing which will be absolutely dangerous.

Along the whole length of the A55 and A487 there are no traffic lights and these are going to catch holiday drivers out putting the lives of pedestrians, ramblers, and riders at risk.

Lon Eifion has proved extremely popular since its establishment in the 1980's. Tourists and local people enjoy separation from roads, and the same goes for cyclists. As part of National Cycle Route 8 from Cardiff to Holyhead, plus the original coastal walking route around Llŷn, Lon Eifion is a valuable asset.

When the Welsh Government can waste £600k - £700k on bat bridges over roads in Wales (which are of nefarious benefit), it seems strange that the Welsh Government and designers of the Caernarfon bypass are giving priority to bats over people and putting people's lives at unnecessary risk by expecting cyclists and pedestrians to cross both trunk roads instead of providing a safe bridge or a tunnel.

I along with ramblers and cyclists would be very interested in your and the road designers view on this danger to life safety and require advice of whom shall be held legally liable for accidents at the proposed Toucan Crossing.

I do hope that a safer solution can be found before the bypass is built.

Yours sincerely,



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