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Dear Mr. Williams,

Gwynedd - dangerous speed humps

I am aware that the Council is under extreme pressure to cut budgets, may I submit a cost saving measure:

Sack the team responsible for speed humps

In January 2015 I wrote to Gwyn Morris Jones Head of Highways and Municipal to express my thanks to his staff for the excellent highway services provided by Gwynedd Council but also to draw his attention to dangerous speed humps in Gwynedd which incur high maintenance costs. On 12 February 2015 I received an email response from Dafydd Wyn Williams, Transportation and Street Care Manager which stated:-

"Gwynedd Council Highway and Municipal Department conducts periodic inspections of the highway network, in accordance with guidelines set out in its Highway Asset Management Plan. If any defects are identified Officers will ensure that appropriate actions are taken to protect the public."

However since then has been no change, in fact the speed hump I photographed in January 2015 remains unrepaired as do many hundreds in the County with dangerous jagged edges or worn markings:-



January 2015



The same hump - August 2015

The Council do not appear appreciate they have a legal liability to ensure that speed humps must be installed, maintained and marked exactly in accord with The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 No. 1025 **at all times**. Clause 4.1.d states ***"No vertical edges should be more than 6mm"***

Humps a high maintenance cost liability, they cause unnecessary pain to people with spinal problems, damage residents cars, reduce property values and most important of all, put lives at risk by tearing the inside wall of tyres.

The Council is exposing itself to claims for damages and if a death occurred, the officers responsible through to yourself could be held liable under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

No sensible driver wants to speed past schools or through villages and I'm sure your road safety team are aware of more effective and less maintenance intensive methods of increasing safety. As a life and cost saving measure, may I suggest that the Council urgently review their policy regarding speed humps.

I look forward to your response and trust that you will take immediate action to remove or rectify dangerous humps.

Yours sincerely,

Roy Milnes

Reference: Department for Transport www.dft.gov.uk statutory instrument <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/1999/1025/contents/made>
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