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Gofynnwch Am/ Please Ask For A McGowan

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Dear Councillor Davies,

I refer to the petition submitted to the Council by yourself requesting the introduction of traffic calming measures in Tylacelyn Road, Penygraig.

Unfortunately, the issues raised are not uncommon and the Council receives many requests for the introduction of traffic management measures such as speed reduction features from across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

Where there is evidence that supports the need for Road Safety measures the Council is able to bid for Welsh Government Road Safety Grant Funding that is made available on an annual basis. The total sum available for all 22 Welsh Councils to bid for each year is typically of the order of £5M and the number of bids tends to far exceed the funding available. The criteria for funding is focussed on casualty reduction consequently, only schemes that are effectively targeted toward locations where there is potential to reduce existing casualty figures are likely to be prioritised for Road Safety Grant Funding.

A review of the collision history for the most recent three-year period for which data is available has shown there has been seven reported collisions which resulted in personal injury in Tylacelyn Road. However only one of these had speed as a contributing factor.

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It is important that we separate concerns regarding speed to road traffic collisions which result in personal injury. Not all collisions are speed related and priority will be given to areas where the introduction of physical measures will result in fewer personal injuries therefore this location would not qualify for funding under the grant criteria. I do not have details of the recent accident and it would be remiss of me to comment on the cause. It is also important to note that only collisions that result in personal injury are reported.

The Council has a limited budget with which to deal with traffic management issues, including road safety measures. However, the volume of requests far exceeds the available budget therefore all requests for such measures must compete via a prioritisation process to ensure those locations with the greatest need are identified and the limited resources available are appropriately targeted.

Having reviewed the personal injury collision history for the most recent three-year period, I would advise that this site is unlikely to rank favourably during the priority process when compared to other requests for the introduction of traffic calming measures from across the borough. Therefore, the Council has no proposals to introduce traffic calming measures at this location at the present time.

The concerns regarding speeding will be passed to the police in order that they may consider taking appropriate action however you may also be interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch Scheme in Penygraig.

Residents can complete a community concern form on the GoSafe Website; <https://gosafe.org/contact-us/community-concern/> where it will be picked up by GoSafe.

I trust the above is of assistance and would ask that, as lead petitioner, you share this on to your fellow petitioners.