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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your letter of 7 October on behalf of constituents regarding ongoing works on the M48 and A40.

The temporary 50mph speed limit on both the M48 and A40 between Raglan and Abergavenny have been implemented due to the deteriorated condition of the road restraint system.

In view of the amount of time needed to commission investigations, surveys and assessments, all of which must be programmed and funded, the Welsh Government undertook a risk assessment, which identified mitigation measures to minimise the risk to road users until such time as permanent works to upgrade the road restraint systems are implemented.

The risk assessment recommended a mandatory temporary speed limit of 50mph, which will remain in place until works to replace the defective safety barriers are complete.

The design for replacement of the barriers at both locations is included in this financial year (24/25). The schemes remain a priority for construction within our Capital Safety Fence programme and will be advanced as soon as funding permits. The Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders will be renewed following their expiration in the first quarter of 2025.

Once the barriers have been replaced, it is intended for the National Speed Limit to be reinstated.

Yours sincerely,

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