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Andrew RT Davies

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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your written question on whether the Welsh Government's criterion for road building that any new road should not increase the number of cars on the roads, includes not increasing the number of electric vehicles (WQ90990).

In our <u>response to the Roads Review</u>, we confirmed that we will continue to consider investment in roads "to support modal shift and reduce carbon emissions. This is about ensuring that future roads investment does not simply increase the demand for private car travel." This includes travel by private electric vehicle.

The advice of the independent UK Climate Change Commission is clear, we cannot rely on electric vehicles to reach our emissions targets. They are necessary, but not sufficient.

Yours sincerely

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