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Dear Darren

Further to your written question of the 22 February 2024 tabled to the previous Minister for Climate Change regarding an update on the action the Welsh Government is taking to tackle unadopted roads? I am responding due to my portfolio responsibilities. Thank you for your patience. I apologise for the delay due to an administrative error.

To try and address the problem of unadopted roads, the Welsh Government created the Unadopted Roads Taskforce, who published their recommendations <u>Unadopted roads in Wales: final report</u>, all of which were accepted. As a result, the consideration of financial assistance was provided on a pilot basis to address local unadopted road priorities, with the development of a process for distributing a potential future unadopted roads fund fairly and equitably across Wales, subject to the findings of the pilot. As part of the pilot, all local authorities were invited to bid for the £1m funding for unadopted roads they would like to be brought up to standard, so that they can be maintained by the Local Authority in perpetuity.

This year we are providing £900K for Phase 2 of the Pilot programme and Local Authorities have been invited to bid for funding to bring unadopted roads in their areas up to standard, so that they can be maintained by them in the future.

Yours sincerely

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