



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

12 March 1981

Dear Mr. Hosgood,

You wrote to me on 9 February about the way in which your Council's request for a determination into highway legislation, which has now been given to your Council by the Welsh Office, has been handled.

I have discussed your letter with the Secretary of State for Wales. Some delay was caused, as you know, by the need for consultations with the County Council. But I have found that the greater part of the delay was indeed attributable to failure by the Welsh Office to give sufficient and proper priority to your representations.

In short, the matter has not been handled in the Welsh Office in accordance with the standards of public administration which the Secretary of State and I require, and which your Council are fully entitled to expect. Appropriate action is being taken within the Welsh Office. I would like to tender an unreserved apology to the Council for the delay, and the Secretary of State for Wales wishes to be fully associated with it.

Yours sincerely,

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