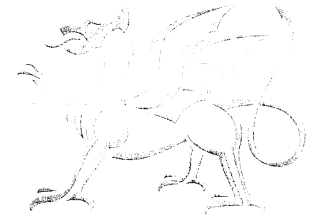


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Dear Leanne,

I am writing in reply to a Written Assembly Question (WAQ27761) tabled by you for answer on 20 August 2003, "Will the Minister outline how she will strengthen the powers of local authorities to adopt and maintain unadopted roads."

Local authorities currently have the power to adopt roads as set out in the Highways Act 1980. Any changes to these powers would require primary legislation in Parliament. There are currently no plans to propose new primary legislation regarding unadopted roads in Wales.

Yours

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