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Thank you for your letter of 10 October enclosing a petition for all new trunk roads in Wales to have Welsh names.

It is not appropriate to provide Welsh names for new Motorways or Trunk Roads. Motorways and trunk roads in Wales are numbered rather than named in accordance with a strict convention in order to ensure the continuity of routes across the UK providing clarity to the road user following them. Trunk roads unlike streets can be hundreds of miles in length and as such it would be extremely difficult and costly to plan and implement a signage scheme to rename them coherently and the hundreds of additional signs required to implement the initiative would have implications for the environment and potentially the safety of road users.

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