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Thank you for your letter of 10 October enclosing a petition calling to rename the entire A470.

It is not appropriate to rename existing or new Motorways & Trunk Roads. The A470 is already widely recognised as the major North/ South route in Wales. 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.

Unlike streets, trunk roads 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 name them coherently. 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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