



Newtown bypass to open up Mid-Wales economy

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The opening of the Newtown Bypass will be a “momentous occasion” for Mid Wales, according to the Shadow Minister for Economy and Transport, and Montgomeryshire Assembly Member, Russell George.

Thursday 14 February will see the long awaited opening of the Newtown bypass, over 70 years after the need for a bypass was first suggested.

In March 2011, over 30 people joined Russell George in handing in a 10,000 strong petition to the National Assembly for Wales which called for a Newtown Bypass.

Commenting on the news that the Newtown Bypass is to open, Russell George said, “The opening of the Newtown Bypass on 14th February will be a momentous occasion, and the many people who have played a part in bringing about the bypass should be thanked.

“The Bypass is now a reality but it’s been over 70 years since the Newtown bypass was first mooted.

“I believe the bypass will have the potential to transform the economy of Mid Wales towns and the contractors, Alun Griffiths, should be congratulated on this incredible feat of engineering. It is an outstanding achievement.

“For a major project like this to be completed within 3 years from start to finish is amazing in itself, and there has been huge support for this project from the community and a great interest in the construction works.

“I firmly believe that the Newtown Bypass will serve to resolve local traffic congestion



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issues, improve school safety, improve response times of the emergency services and support tourism and the wider Mid Wales economy.”