



Response Date: 22/09/2026

2026/901 - Britannia Bridge Crossing

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Concerning the Britannia Bridge level crossing in Porthmadog (A497 High Street / Welsh Highland Railway), crossing reference LC127, also referred to as Britannia Bridge Crossing. I understand this to be an automatic open level crossing controlled by warning lights, without road barriers.

For the last 5 years, or for the longest period for which comparable records are available, please provide the following, broken down by year and by month wherever the data allows:

1. The number of recorded incidents at this crossing involving a road vehicle proceeding across after the red stop lights had activated, categorised as:

- a) a vehicle crossing against the red lights;**
- b) a vehicle stopping after the red lights activated and subsequently proceeding;**
- c) a near miss between a road vehicle and a train;**
- d) a collision between a road vehicle and a train;**

There have been no such collisions at the location for the requested time period.

e) any other recorded misuse of the crossing by road vehicles.

We hold no information relating to the remaining points.

2. For each incident in category 1(a) above, how it was detected (e.g. CCTV, police officer, railway staff, or other means), and the outcome, categorised as: a warning or other enforcement action short of prosecution; a referral to the police; or prosecution or other legal proceedings.

N/A

3. Whether the crossing is monitored by CCTV or any other recording system, and if so, whether records are kept of detected instances of vehicles crossing against the red lights.

4. The current risk assessment/risk rating for Britannia Bridge level crossing, including, where disclosable, the risk category and any available information on risk per crossing user/traverse.

5. Any recorded complaints, safety concerns, or near-miss reports relating specifically to the effectiveness of the warning lights or the absence of physical barriers at this crossing.

6. Any assessments, proposals, or correspondence during the above period concerning the installation of barriers, modification of the warning system, installation of additional safety measures, or alteration/closure of the crossing for safety reasons.

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For comparison, I would also be grateful for the equivalent figures requested in points 1 and 2 above for:

7. Other automatic open level crossings without barriers, such as Glanypwll level crossing, broken down by crossing, year and month.

8. The automatic barrier crossing at High Street, Porthmadog, so that the frequency of red-light violations and other vehicle misuse can be compared between crossings protected by warning lights alone and crossings protected by physical barriers.

North Wales Police hold no information in relation to your request.

We advise that BTP (British Transport Police) may be more suitable for this request.

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 21/09/2026