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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1288 Ein cyf/Our ref LW/01251/22

Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

14 September 2022

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 15 June regarding Petition P-06-1288 - Deliver Magor and Undy Walkway Station.

The work of the Magor Action Group on Rail is well known to Welsh Government and actions are in hand to progress development of proposals for a station at Magor.

Lord Burns and the South East Wales Transport Commission provided support for a station at Magor as part of their recommendations, and we immediately accepted in principle all recommendations of the Commission. To move that forward, the Burns Delivery Unit has been established to progress the recommendations at pace, with the first Annual Report available here: 2022-01-18 Burns Report V2-min.pdf (tfw.wales).

The Unit has secured financing from UK Government to carry out feasibility studies for the capacity improvements of the South Wales Main Line that would enable new stations on it and that work is now underway to inform next steps of decision making.

I see rail improvements as key to the delivery of our improving public transport agenda. However, as you know, most of our rail infrastructure and the funding for it is non-devolved and the sole responsibility of the UK Government. We will continue to press the UK Government for full devolution of rail infrastructure powers to the Welsh Government, alongside a full and fair funding settlement.

Yours sincerely,

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