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Jack Sargeant MS  
Chair - Petitions committee

08 November 2023

Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter 2 October on behalf of David Thomas regarding Petition P-06-1371 re-open the railway stop in Nant-y-Derry Goytre Fawr to include us in the South Wales Metro.

The Marches line and its infrastructure are not owned by Welsh Government. UK Government is the owner and is responsible through Network Rail for all management and development. This is the case for most of the railway in Wales, except the Core Valley lines. The UK Government has consistently rejected our request for further rail devolution and have failed to adequately invest in Wales.

In the absence of the appropriate devolution of rail infrastructure and a fair funding settlement, we need the UK Government to fulfil their responsibilities for improving the rail network in Wales, including funding the development and construction of new stations. The UK Government periodically issues a competitive bidding process for the development of new rail stations across Wales and England, the last round was in 2020.

Welsh Government has made bids to support station reopening projects across Wales. These generally do better in the UK Government's process when there is strong, organised community support with a developed business case.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Given the need to prioritise limited investment, Welsh Government has worked with the UK Department for Transport, Office of the Secretary of State for Wales, Transport for Wales and Network Rail to develop a prioritised pipeline for rail infrastructure enhancements. This includes the consideration of potential new stations. This pipeline will set our initial priorities for rail investment, however if other projects emerge with a strong case they may be added to this list.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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