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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1365
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Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 22 September 2023 regarding Petition P-06-1365 – “Re-open railway lines to connect the north and south of Wales.” Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to you.

The rail infrastructure needed to reopen these lines is not a devolved matter, and is therefore the responsibility of UK Government.

Transport for Wales are working on options to improve transport links between north and south Wales, including looking at how to protect potential travel corridors along the western coast of Wales and studying strategic bus links. As part of this work they are undertaking an initial feasibility study on the route between Bangor and Afon Wen, which will identify the best alignment for a connection and current constraints. This work is being carried out in collaboration with Siân Gwenllïan MS, the Plaid Cymru lead designated member, as part of the Co-operation Agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru.

Yours sincerely,

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