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Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Chair,

Thank you for the previous Chair's letter of 23 May, on behalf of Lisa Mart, regarding Petition P-06-1439 improve vital late night public transport infrastructure in South and South-West Wales.

Welsh Government works closely with music venues across Wales through Creative Wales. We have engaged with the sector directly through regular advisory group meetings where stakeholders are encouraged to raise any trends, successes, or issues they're experiencing. I am aware that late night transport is often raised as a particular challenge for venues.

Addressing this challenge will require all parts of the transport system, including other rail operators, bus operators and the local authority to work together. Specifically on rail, there are a number of constraints that exist which affect our ability to operate later rail services. As this is primarily a reserved matter it is not within the gift of the Welsh Government or Transport for Wales.

As we move towards a new system of bus franchising, Transport for Wales can work with local authorities and bus operators to design a new bus network, and timetable, to best support the economy of Swansea and its surrounding area. The Welsh Government and Transport for Wales are also working with the local authorities to develop regional transport plans that can align infrastructure improvements with these new services to make them both attractive and sustainable, as well as improving active travel and rail access.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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