



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1288
Ein cyf/Our ref KSNWT/01214/25

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions committee

18 August 2025

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 23 July regarding Petition P-06-1288 concerning delivery of a Magor and Undy Walkway Station.

As you will be aware, the 'Burns' stations & services comprise five new stations on the south Wales mainline located at Tremorfa, Newport West, Somerton, Llanwern & Magor plus provision of new train services between Cardiff to Bristol/Cheltenham.

Whilst we have pressed the case for these stations, the Welsh Government are not responsible for rail infrastructure other than the Core Valley Lines. Responsibility lies with the UK Government's Department for Transport and Network Rail.

I am extremely pleased that the UK Government Spending Review assigned delivery funding for the next spending period, including for the 'Burns' stations alongside £95m of development funding over a ten year period. The proposals that have so far been developed for the 'Burns' stations are at an outline business case stage. The next stage will be to progress the design in more detail and obtain planning consents, and we expect the UK Government funding to be available from FY26/7 to carry this out.

Station construction could be phased over 3 years, which would be largely driven by the need to carefully plan and deliver access to the lines for the construction works whilst minimising disruption to passenger services. Indicatively, the first stations could open by 2030/2031 and the last by end 2031/2032. Services would be planned to commence in alignment with the opening of the first stations.

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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.

We need all 5 stations to be built to maximise the operational, economic and societal benefits they will bring, and we shall continue to press for this.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Ken Skates AS/MS

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Drafnidiaeth a Gogledd Cymru
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