

Ken Skates MS  
Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales  
Welsh Government

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Dear Ken,

### **Global Centre of Rail Excellence**

On 18 September the Committee visited the Global Centre of Rail Excellence (GCRE). The GCRE presented a vision with the Centre driving economic regeneration for the area. However, they explained the considerable investment the project still requires to bring that vision to fruition.

What capacity do you believe the Welsh Government has to support the objectives of the project by further derisking private investment and what, if any, actions has the Welsh Government taken to broaden the appeal and promote the project to investors in order to achieve more private sector, other Governments or third party buy in?

Given the scale of the project and that the UK Government has also previously provided funding, I am also going to write to the UK Secretary of State for Transport and Secretary of State for Wales. I will copy you into that letter.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Davies



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Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

CC: The Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP, Secretary of State for Transport, UK Government

The Rt Hon Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales, UK Government

