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Dear Ms Thomas,

Thank you for your letter regarding anti-social behaviour (ASB) at Porth Transport Hub. I am writing to provide a clear summary of recent activity and the work undertaken by British Transport Police (BTP) and partners.

Following concerns raised at the Rhondda Cynon Taff Problem Solving Group meeting, a site visit was carried out on 24 October 2025 by a BTP Designing Out Crime Officer accompanied by a South Wales Police Counter Terrorism Security Advisor. The visit focused on reports of youths gaining access to the bus station roof via the railway footbridge.

During the visit, the BTP representative engaged with residents and Stagecoach staff who reported persistent ASB at the station entrance. Issues included youths playing sports and riding electric bikes across the forecourt and footbridge, resulting in several near misses involving commuters. Concerns were also raised about access from the bridge to the Transport Hub roof.

In response to ASB concerns, BTP has increased patrols and carried out joint operations with revenue teams. Although ASB directly linked to the railway station remains low, most related incidents occur at the bus station, which is under South Wales Police jurisdiction. BTP continues to provide support and patrols in this area to assist local policing efforts.

The Bus Interchange is managed by the local council, which is also responsible for CCTV. Transport for Wales has confirmed that 25 CCTV cameras operate at the railway station, with only one currently out of service. Coverage includes both platforms, one shelter on the Cardiff-bound side, and several cameras directed towards the bus station. No recent offences have been reported on the footbridge aside from isolated incidents during the summer.

Incident data shows an increase from 6 reports in 24/25 to 14 reports so far this year, reflecting improved reporting practices encouraged by BTP. Approximately half of these incidents occurred onboard trains. Violence increased by one offence (40% solved rate); criminal damage and theft of passenger property each decreased by one; and public order offences rose from 0 to 8. One youth linked to multiple ASB offences is now progressing through the youth court system, and reports at the station have since reduced.

Porth Railway Station has recently undergone significant redevelopment under the Core Valley Lines project, including electrification and a new active travel link to the bus station. Despite the extended closure for these works, BTP has maintained a consistent and visible presence throughout.

BTP will continue routine patrols along the Treherbert Line and maintain strong partnership working with South Wales Police, Transport for Wales and the local authority.

I hope this provides a sufficient update. I'd be happy to answer any further questions you have.

Yours sincerely

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