

## P-04-435 : Wales & Border Railways Franchise 2018 to be Operated on a Not-for-Dividend Basis

Petition wording:

We call on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to ensure that the next the Wales & the Border franchise is operated on a not-for-dividend basis.

Arriva has a monopoly over much of the railways in Wales and the Border; this does not encourage "cheaper prices and better standards through competition" as capitalism intended, due to that monopoly. In 2018 the contract with Arriva is up for renewal. A "not-for-dividends" pricing system would increase the amount of passengers and allow more people to work as **they'd be able to afford to travel creating a knock on effect on the welsh GDP** and also, in by-product of proving the system, give England more reason for doing likewise.

Petition raised by: Merlyn Cooper

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Number of signatures: 35