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Dear Dr Phipps

### **Hourly train from Aberystwyth**

As a frequent train user from Aberystwyth I was dismayed to find that the two hourly service that we hoped would be implemented has now been put on hold yet again by the Welsh Assembly Government, as a rural area I don't think they have any idea how difficult it is to travel in rural areas when they all live within the M4 corridor

With Aberystwyth being a university and tourist town I am sure an hourly service would make travelling by rail more appealing for all concerned

It would be great to have the choice of an hourly service as it would save having long delays waiting for connections in Shrewsbury – the train is always busy and at times coming back from Birmingham there has been standing room only and if you miss your connection there would not be the two hour wait in Shrewsbury

The Welsh Assembly when investing in transport in Wales seems to have the attitude anything north of Newport can go on hold as with the proposed Wrexham two track to Saltney and to improve the service to Chester for better rail links in North Wales but the redoubling of the single track in Gowerton was completed within the time frame and the mid Wales rail seems to just stagnate but then are upgrading the station in Aberystwyth surely this is a waste of money for a two hourly service and the money would have better spend on upgrading to a hourly service and then re-vamp the station

Again money is being spent to upgrade the valleys line to Cardiff

The Welsh Assembly seems to have funds available to invest in Cardiff Wales airport maybe this would have been better spent in sharing the money to ALL of Wales to improve all rail links and not just in the South

I hope my comments will put the view of the 'ordinary everyday' rail user

Mrs C Williams

