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Dear William,

## PETITIONS COMMITTEE -TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - FISHGUARD

Thank you for your letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> October and for including copies of other mail relating to this issue to allow me to make an informed response to you.

Your Committee has asked SWWITCH to give some guidance to help the petitioners ensure that their plans are more likely to meet the criteria for inclusion in the 2014/15 SWWITCH Delivery Plan. This is not possible to do with any degree of certainty at this stage as the Welsh Government has not yet issued guidance to the four transport consortia for the next financial year.

This means that we do not know what the likely budget will be and whether certain types of schemes will be ring fenced (for example in 2013/14 more than 30% of the available total was ring fenced for Active Travel Schemes).

However, the expectation is, that in the context of the Minister's announcement of the Swansea Bay City Region, the focus will be on schemes which support the key aims of the City Region and the South West Wales Regional Economic Regeneration Strategy. Indeed as soon as the City Region was announced SWWITCH Members agreed to the principle of focusing future Delivery Plan bids on strategic transport schemes which will support employment and training and improve access for business, residents and visitors.

I am sorry not to be able to provide anything more specific at present, but hope that the above may be helpful nonetheless.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Workman** 

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