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Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 6 April on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding petition P-06-1275 Call on the Government to reconsider its decision to withdraw from the Llanbedr bypass scheme.

I fully appreciate there are strong feelings within the local community, but I will not be amending my decision on this matter. I have been clear about the climate emergency that we are facing, the bold targets set out in the Wales Transport Strategy and the need to shift away from spending money on projects that encourage more people to drive, and invest in real, sustainable, alternatives that give people a meaningful choice.

On 10 February I also [announced](#) the establishment of a North Wales Transport Commission, led by Lord Burns, which will be responsible for taking an evidence-led approach to develop recommendations for multi-modal, integrated transport solutions. The year-long review will develop recommendations for road, rail, bus and active travel across the whole of north Wales.

I appreciate there is an eagerness to see progress being made to address the traffic issues in Llanbedr and my officials are currently working with Gwynedd County Council and Transport for Wales on the next steps to consider sustainable transport options. Community engagement events will be advertised in advance to ensure all interested local parties have the opportunity to provide their views.

Llanbedr Airfield remains a key asset within the region, and of significance at both Wales and the UK level. It is identified as a key enabler to support the development of future flight and space technologies, underpinning a sustainable environment and economy. Future flight (including zero and low emission aircraft) and space technologies have the potential to create high quality, well paid STEM jobs in a rural region where economic resilience and weekly wages are a challenge.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I understand why there is some frustration in the community about the decision, and concern about the current situation. The whole purpose of the Roads Review is to begin the process of responding to transport problems without automatically defaulting to road building solutions and I hope the work we can do together in Llanbedr can show the way to other communities to help find a solution that can tackle both congestion and climate change.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is positioned above the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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