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Dear

I am writing about the process for prioritising new stations in Wales.

As you may be aware, Bow Street has been awarded funding under the Department for Transport's New Stations Fund. As a result of this successful outcome, the station will no longer be progressed under the New Stations Assessment Programme.

My officials have developed a staged approach to taking forward development of the business case for all 46 identified stations across Wales and we have taken a regional approach to ensure that the regional context is fully reflected in the process.

With the success of the bid for development funding for Bow Street, I have decided to include Carno in the current round of stage 2 assessment. This assessment involves obtaining information from Network Rail on deliverability and operational considerations on the prioritised stations. In addition, a standard assessment model is being run to assess the anticipated demand at the proposed stations. I have asked my officials to engage the Carno Station Action Group in this Stage 2 process.

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