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Dear David,

Thank you for your further letter of 4 June regarding petition P-05-770 to reopen Crumlin railway station.

I have previously written to Assembly Members with the assessment scores. Although Crumlin was not shortlisted as part of the Phase 1 of the new rail station prioritisation work it will remain on the long list of potential sites for consideration in the future.

This is an on-going and iterative process, focussing firstly on the first 12 stations that are able to demonstrate the strongest viable business case and that we consider to be in the strongest position to compete for funding calls by the UK government. All the stations identified through the process will eventually be taken through to Stage 2. Stage 2 for the first 12 stations identified is underway – advice from network rail has been obtained on deliverability and operational considerations and a standard assessment demand model has been undertaken by Southampton University.

Now that the new Operational and Delivery Partner is known for the Wales and Borders Franchise, we are intending to commission Transport for Wales to develop criteria to assess which stations are to be taken forward to Stage 3, and to undertake the assessment. The work would result in completion of the Stage 2 assessment and would recommend proposed locations to be taken forward to Stage 3 (development and assessment of the highest priorities including a WeTAG Stage One Report, business case and Network Rail's Governance for Railway Investment Projects (GRIP) process).

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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.

While this work by the Welsh Government does not guarantee funding will be made available for new station proposals, it will ensure that those with the best chance of succeeding are best placed to access funding from the UK Government.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long, sweeping flourish above the name.

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