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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 8 October regarding the Lôn Las Môn Multi-Use Path petition. It has been passed to me to respond in view of my portfolio responsibilities.

As part of our commitment to achieve a modal shift away from cars in *Prosperity for all: A low carbon Wales* the Welsh Government's priority is encouraging active travel, walking and cycling for everyday journeys - especially for journeys that would otherwise be made by motorised transport.

Our Active Travel Act places a duty on local authorities to plan and create walking and cycling networks in all larger villages, towns and cities. It would be for Anglesey County Council to decide whether there is potential to develop this route as an active travel route through consultation ahead of the submission of its next Integrated Network Map. The current position is that Amlwch and Llangefni are designated localities to which our Active Travel Act duty applies to, though Gaerwen is not.

We fully recognise the potential of developing the disused railway between Gaerwen to Amlwch as a multi-use path for leisure and tourism. However, whilst we value leisure cycling and walking, these are not priorities for transport policy.

It would be for Anglesey County Council to decide if it wishes to pursue other sources of funding for developing the disused railway line as a multi-use path. The line is currently owned by Network Rail, and the Welsh Government has no devolved responsibility for such matters.

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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.

We recently published our Rail Vision which, in the long term, will allow us to consider reopening some currently disused lines such as the Gaerwen to Amlwch line. This also includes Strategic Corridor Developments including enhanced connectivity from Ynys Mon to Bangor, Caernarfon, Aberystwyth and to Swansea, Carmarthen and South West Wales. A link to our Rail Vision can be found at <https://gov.wales/railway-wales-case-devolution>. We would therefore wish any alternative use in the meantime to accommodate potential future use for rail passengers and freight.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is centered below the closing. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical stroke for the letter 'L'.

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