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Dear Ken,

Thank you for your positive response to me earlier on maximising the benefits to South-east Wales from scrapping the Severn tolls.

I agree with what you said about Network Rail and the UK government having the primary responsibility to fund rail infrastructure in Wales, including new train stations, and the need to increase the proportion of such spending which comes to Wales.

To achieve this, we need to make the case for projects and stations where there is a realistic prospect of gaining DfT and Network Rail support. Magor is now in such a position, with the DfT engaging with the Monmouthshire Council / Magor Action Group on Rail (MAGOR) bid, and Network Rail having now appointed a project sponsor.

I would ask MAGOR and Monmouthshire Council to update you after the meeting with DfT and Network Rail tomorrow. If the outcome is positive, I trust you will give further consideration to their request for £80,000 of match funding to complete GRIP 3, as they have already committed a similar sum.

Yours sincerely

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