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Dear Jessica,

Thank you for your email of 7 February regarding the UK Government's Beeching Reversal Funding.

We are still awaiting details on how the fund will be allocated, and the criteria used when it comes to allocating the fund. The current process set out by the UK Government for the Ideas Fund asks MPs to sponsor proposals. If Magor is to be considered under any future round of the Ideas Fund (I understand that a subsequent round is planned for June), the Department for Transport would need the initial application from an MP. A follow up submission and presentation would also appear to be required. The Welsh Government will be glad to support you should you wish to nominate Magor for funding.

I have recently written to the Secretary of State for Transport setting out our aspirations for rail and station openings. We will also be seeking to take a more strategic approach to bidding for any funding, asking for a fair allocation to our overall programme in Wales. This will allow any decisions and allocating of funding to be taken locally on development and delivery of schemes.

Four new stations have been short-listed by the Welsh Government through our appraisal process and these will be the focus of our application to the New Station Fund when the UK Government provides clarity on the application requirements.

*Yours ever,
Ken*

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