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Dear Magor Rail Group,

I am really delighted to share this letter with you, from Ken Skates MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales.

I am really pleased that he has confirmed to the Secretary of State, Heidi Alexander, and to the Welsh Secretary, Jo Stephens that the Wales Rail Board has confirmed that the South East Burns proposals are the immediate priority for rail enhancements in South Wales.

This is excellent news as I am sure you will agree and it is thanks to the campaigners at Magor Rail and others over many years that means we have got to this point.

The letter goes on to say that the Cabinet Secretary hopes to see both the Welsh and UK governments agreeing funding and delivery mechanisms as part of the upcoming Comprehensive Spending Review.

Having hosted the recent Burns commission briefing in the House of Commons I am pleased to see this work gathering further momentum. As we know, investment in rail infrastructure is critical to delivering growth to Monmouthshire and South Wales.

I also had a meeting with Secretary of State for Transport, Heidi Alexander, to further push for the urgent need for the Magor Walkway station. I will continue to do all I can in Westminster to ensure we get the investment we need to help ease congestion on the M4 and surrounding roads and enable people in the south of Monmouthshire to use the railways as much as possible.

I will keep you updated on further developments.

With best wishes / Cofion gorau

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