

Meeting with Assembly Members Wednesday 8th of July 2026

On Wednesday the 8th of July 2026. MAGOR Chair Laurence Hando, MAGOR Members Phil Inskip and Ted Hand visited the Senedd at the kind invitation of Peredur Owen Griffiths MS. This was to meet the Plaid Cymru newly elected members for Sir Fynwy Torfaen- Donna Cushing MS and Matthew Jones MS. The meeting was useful, productive, and enjoyable and gave us the opportunity to bring them up to speed with the history of the MAGOR campaign and our vision for the future. Following on from the visit last week of Deputy Transport Minister Mark Hooper to our Walk to School Day event. MAGOR is delighted that we are developing a business-like relationship with the Plaid Cymru Welsh Government.

The following is a synopsis of the case MAGOR put to the Plaid Members of the Senedd at the meeting:-

As you will be aware Magor & Undy Walkway Station is one of the five new stations that is proposed to be opened in the Burns Report. The design studies and business planning is now underway. With a target opening of 2030. The MAGOR members after fourteen years of campaigning felt this is too far away, The reason being that Magor & Undy Walkway Station could be opened much sooner than that. Our original plan was for a low cost to build station that could virtually be started now. The initial planning GRIP Study (Governance for Rail Investment Projects of which there are 8 stages) GRIP 1 Output Definition & GRIP 2 Feasibility was completed by Mott Macdonald Consultants in 2017. By locating the platforms as staggered using the existing signalling and trackwork would require minimal change and therefore saving millions of pounds. Also, with the up platform (towards Severn Tunnel Junction) proposed to be located behind Magor with Undy Community Hub would facilitate Magor & Undy Walkway Station becoming a community adopted station. At meetings we have had with the DfT in the past, their words -‘we love the idea of the walkway concept and community adopted station.

If money is no object. We will of course accept and welcome the proposed Burns Magor & Undy Walkway Station. However, we currently live in difficult economically turbulent times, and a lot can happen in four years. Nothing is certain until the money is in the till. However, MAGOR will continue to campaign for our original low-cost plan that would save millions of pounds compared to the Burns grandiose plan. Furthermore, the original plan would be much less intrusive on the landscape of our lovely town than that of the one size fits all Lego station construction proposed by Burns for the five new station.