



All Assembly Members

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Dear Assembly Members,

I am writing to update you on the process for prioritising proposals for new railway stations in Wales and the prioritised list of stations which will be taken forward for further development.

Proposals for new stations have come forward from a range of sources including the National Transport Finance Plan (2015), which also included a commitment to develop assessment criteria (NTFP Reference RI10) and using those criteria, develop a prioritised list.

A methodology has been developed for assessing proposals for new railway stations which can be applied in a cost effective and proportionate way. The assessment methodology follows a three-stage approach. This will mean that the more costly work on producing detailed cost estimates for a new station and timetable modelling is only carried out on the highest priorities.

The first stage has been undertaken. This has involved an initial assessment of the 46 new station proposals using the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) criteria and consideration of the Well-being and Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 goals. This is an on-going and iterative process. As a result, the following stations will be taken forward as priorities for stage two assessment:

- South East Wales: Ely Mill/Victoria Park, Llanwern, Newport Road/Rover Way and St Mellons.
- South West Wales: Cockett, Landore, St Clears.
- North Wales: Deeside Industrial Park/Northern Gateway, North Wrexham, South Wrexham, Llangefni.
- Mid Wales: Bow Street.

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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.

The stage two assessment will look in more detail at the strength of the financial and economic case for a new railway station, including advice from Network Rail on deliverability.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

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