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Dear Llŷr,

Thank you for your question in the Senedd on 7 July with regards the proposals for a cycle route from Ruthin to Denbigh through the Vale of Clwyd and a velodrome in north Wales.

Transport for Wales (TfW) now deal with the Active Travel Fund on the Welsh Government's behalf. My understanding is that no funding requests in relation to this proposal have been received to date. TfW is also not aware of any recent plans to develop the route but says that the concept has been around for more than 20 years as part of the Lon Clwyd proposals, which have ranged from disused railway alignments to road sides verges as well as a mix of both. This is a matter the local authority to consider driving forward, and once it is ready to, I would very much urge the authority to seek support under the Active Travel Fund.

Turning to the velodrome proposal, Sport Wales provided funding in 2019 for consultants to explore options to develop a velodrome in north Wales. This process identified Ruthin as the preferred location for an outdoor velodrome. Additional work has been carried out on the feasibility of the proposal, and options for the location of the velodrome within Ruthin have been explored. The design of the track and ancillary facilities are currently being worked on, potential funding sources are being explored, and the business plan and operating model are being developed. Again, this is for the local authority to drive forward, working in partnership with local stakeholders, and utilising the capital funding available to develop sporting facilities through Sport Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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