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Dear Cllr Simcock

Thank you for your letter of 13 October regarding Abergavenny railway station.

Access to the Railway Infrastructure is an issue that is reserved to the UK Government, I have however prioritised additional Welsh Government funding to improve access to the railway network. I expect further significant improvements to be made as we assume greater responsibility for the management of the Wales and Borders rail service.

Despite provisions in the Equality Act 2010 to improve disabled access to public Transport, too many people experience barriers to accessing our public transport network. I have therefore committed to publishing some outcome focused objectives with clear actions to further improve accessibility to our public transport network. I expect to be able to publish these objectives by the end of this year. These objectives are being developed with the help of organisations representing the interests of disabled people in Wales and I am sure that they will make a positive contribution to eradicating this form of discrimination.

Since January 2017, the Welsh Government and bidders have been discussing a range of innovative solutions to find those which best meet the needs of people in Wales and the border regions. We will be considering how best to enhance the network in this region as part of Metro Phase 3. Metro Phase 3 will see future rail extensions and further bus integration measures to extend the reach of the Metro to deliver a truly joined up regional network that will enable a wide range of benefits.

Yours sincerely

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