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Subject: Re. Strategic Transport Group Meeting 12th of June 2019

Dear David,

Re. Abergavenny Rail Action Campaign Group

I have received an email from a member of Abergavenny Rail Action Campaign Group regarding Abergavenny Railway Station, they have recently made a request to Network Rail for greater clarity and detail on the timescale and plans for a bridge and lifts at the Station, please see the content of their email below:

> I am writing on behalf of the Abergavenny Rail Action Campaign (ARAC) to ask please if you might be able, through the auspices of the next meeting of the North Monmouthshire Area Committee, to press Network Rail/Transport for Wales for greater clarity and detail on the timescale and specific plans for a bridge and lifts at Abergavenny Railway Station. ARAC were encouraged by the news that Abergavenny has been listed for a share of the latest round of Access for All funding but are dismayed to note that the forthcoming Network Rail update to NMAC seems to be just a rehash of NR's last update to the committee.

> Given the background history, which saw a plan for improved access at the station gain planning permission and funds but fall out of time in 2011, ARAC are keen to establish firm commitments are in place now that Abergavenny is once again on the list for funding.

> Specifically ARAC would like to ask please if you would consider asking NMAC to respond to the Network Rail update, published with the agenda papers for the NMAC meeting on Wednesday 15 May, with a request to answer the following questions:

> 1 Does 'Step Free Access' mean the provision of a bridge and lifts?

> 2 Is the project guaranteed to be delivered within a set timescale?

> 3 Has engineering planning and other project planning work commenced and when is it envisaged construction will start and finish?

> 4 When will the public consultation mentioned by Network Rail take place and in what form?

We discussed this matter at the North Monmouthshire Area Committee on the 15th of May 2019, and were advised that these questions have already been sent to David Davies MP who has sent them onto Network Rail and a response is now awaited.

Therefore would it be possible for me to ask members of the Strategic Transport Group if it will consider giving some support to the ARAC Group by writing to Network Rail requesting an early response to these questions.

I will be at the meeting but will have to leave no later than 11am.

Many thanks,
Sheila.