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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1271
Ein cyf/Our ref LW/01515/22

Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

23 August 2022

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your further letter of 13 July regarding Petition P-06-1271 *Acquire the land from Network Rail on which ATR884 runs as a permissive path and arrange maintenance.*

My officials have now had the opportunity to raise this matter with Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC) who advised they have had detailed discussions with Network Rail regarding ownership of this land and future liabilities. As this is a matter for Network Rail and BCBC I would like to acknowledge and welcome that both parties, are working constructively together to resolve this matter.

BCBC have confirmed they understand that in principle, Network Rail are happy to transfer ownership of the land to BCBC. However, this is dependent upon the resolution of detailed legal issues.

In the meantime, BCBC are in the process of commissioning consultants to carry out feasibility studies this financial year using budget allocated from the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund. The feasibility study will establish what work is needed to bring the route up to required standards, as well as detailed costings.

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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.

BCBC have advised they have arranged a meeting with various stakeholders including Sarah Murphy, MS for Bridgend, local members and Sustrans to discuss issues relating to the route.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is positioned above the typed name. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical stroke for the letter 'l'.

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