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Jack Sargeant MS  
Chair – Petitions Committee  
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Dear Jack

**Petition P-06-1288 Deliver Magor and Undy Walkway Station, part of the Burns Delivery Programme, as a quick win**

TfW is currently taking forward the development of the Magor station proposals under its South Wales Mainline (SWML) programme [South Wales Mainline | Transport for Wales \(tfw.wales\)](https://www.tfw.wales) as one of five stations recommended by the 'Burns' South East Wales Transport Commission. Development funding was secured by TfW via DfT Union Connectivity Review to progress the station designs to option selection stage and preparation of updated demand forecasts and an outline business case for the proposed stations, associated rail services and infrastructure. The work is due to be completed in Spring 2023.

In the case of Magor the ongoing development of the station design has identified a number of issues, which will affect the scope and cost of the proposals since these were developed for Monmouthshire CC including;

- The route has been electrified since the original scheme was developed
- Changed fire safety requirements
- Track slews are required to achieve compliant platform interfaces
- Compliance with accessibility requirements
- Gwent Levels SSSI site interface for construction

The development work will also involve undertaking a constructability review to understand how the stations can be best delivered within the constraints of an operational railway.



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This work will help confirm that Magor Station proposals meet passenger and operational requirements, comply with relevant rail industry standards and are constructable and broadly acceptable to the Network Rail, who will be the ultimate asset owner. It will also establish train operator support, the service proposal, and a supporting business case. Once all these elements have been established, the optimal timing of its delivery can be identified as part of the overall programme and related Network Rail works on the SWML and taken forward subject to obtaining further funding for design development, public engagement, consents, and implementation.

Yours sincerely,

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