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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 10 September regarding Petition P-05-841 include the alternative 3rd Menai Crossing proposal 'Pont Bendigeidfran' in the formal assessment process.

We did receive a detailed response from Mr Poulton promoting Pont Bendigeidfran as part of the public consultation that ended in March 2018. I'm also aware of the detailed video that Mr Poulton has prepared which documents the history of both the Menai and Britannia bridges and his inspiration from the Mabinigion tales to construct a statue of Bendigeidfran as a central support to the bridge along the Purple Route. I do applaud the work he has done.

Mr Poulton's response has been assessed along with the other consultation responses and in conjunction with the technical, environmental, social and financial appraisals and I will be announcing the Preferred Route based on this work shortly.

Clearly this is only the beginning of the 3rd Menai Crossing development and further analysis will need to be undertaken to develop a suitable form of structure that best fits within the sensitive Menai Strait landscape as part of the next stage of design development. Mr. Poulton's proposals can therefore be further assessed and considered during this next stage.

Yours ever,
Ken

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