

## **Original Petition Wording**

“We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Assembly Government to provide funding for five additional trains per day to Fishguard.”

The extra trains are called for by the South West Wales Integrated Transport Consortium in Priority 1, Rail Priorities, in *Progress in Partnership – the Regional Transport Plan for South West Wales, 2010 – 2015*.

The additional train services could be put in place immediately, as they have been designed to link with the current Milford Haven mainline service, and do not depend on proposals to redouble the line west of Swansea.

A Benefit:Cost Ratio (BCR) of 2.36 for the proposed services was reported by Jacobs Consultancy (*Fishguard Rail Study, 2008*), thus demonstrating good value for money for any WAG investment in the scheme (*SWWITCH/ Faber Maunsell Report - West of Swansea Rail Network*).

Strong, widespread support for the proposed services was shown in a recently conducted survey that attracted 1317 signatures.

Local, rural communities in North Pembrokeshire are currently very poorly served by rail and public transport in general.

Teenagers and the younger generation as well as adults and pensioners would make great use of this service, teenagers wouldn't have to use parents and relatives as a taxi service.

The benefits for tourism are exceptional as North Pembrokeshire is an area that relies heavily on the tourism industry to keep it's economy balanced.

The proposed service will also benefit passengers travelling on the Stena Fast Cat ferry from Rosslare as there is currently no rail service to cater for these customers.

Everyone, in the near future will have to consider more seriously the use of public transport due to global warming and the need to reduce carbon footprints.

There is no reason why this service cannot be instigated with ease as no additional infrastructure is required.

We do hope the Welsh Assembly Government will give this proposal serious consideration and make a real difference to the lives of the residents of North Pembrokeshire.

## **Response Summary**

The petition was left in shops and businesses in Goodwick, Fishguard, Dinas Cross, Newport and Moylegrove for a duration of two weeks. Door to door signature collection was conducted by Sam Faulkner, Joanne Griffiths and Gareth Morgan. An email address was set up to allow people to sign the petition via the internet along with an online comments service, a Facebook group and a text and answerphone service.

All of these methods of collection combined gathered 1317 signatures over a period of 4 weeks.

## **Support and Publicity**

At FTP we would like to thank everyone who has supported us and offered us help and guidance along the way.

Thanks to Hatti Woakes & NPTF, Stephen Hale, Caroline Wilson, Paul Davies AM, Paul Sambrook, Alex Owen, Mrs Nerys Nicholas - Ysgol Y Preseli (Translation), Gareth Morgan (Signature Collection) and all supporting shops and businesses.

Joanne & Sam have also appeared on BBC Wales Today to help publicise their petition, The Western Telegraph, the Tivy Side & The County Echo (most backdated articles can be found in the archives on the newspapers' websites)

*From Left—Alex Owen (Community Rail Officer—All Points West), Hatti Woakes (NPTF), Sam Faulkner & Joanne Griffiths. —>*



*<— From Left—Abigail Neal (BBC Wales Today), Sam Faulkner & Joanne Griffiths*



*Sam Faulkner & Gareth Morgan  
(Two of the Petitioners) —>*



## **What's Happening Now?**

On the 30th of October 2009 Joanne Griffiths & Sam Faulkner (Petitioners), went to the office of Paul Davies AM to talk about the petition. During this meeting we were offered the chance to leave the petition with Mr Davies who said that he would present it to the Petitions Committee for the Welsh Assembly for us—we accepted this offer.

An email was received on the 4th of November 2009 from the Assembly Petitions office stating that the petition had been received and will be considered for the first time at a meeting on the 24th of November 2009. Until then we cannot update you any further.



*From left—Paul Davies AM, Sam Faulkner & Joanne Griffiths*

## **Any Enquiries?**

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact us at [petition@moylegrove.co.uk](mailto:petition@moylegrove.co.uk) or via the online comments function on our website [www.moylegrove.co.uk/signhere](http://www.moylegrove.co.uk/signhere)

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# Pupils' petition for more trains to port

**TWO North Pembrokeshire schoolkids have set up a petition to get more trains running from Fishguard.**

Sam Faulkner and Joanne Griffiths, both pupils of Ysgol y Preseli, are asking for more trains to run from the town to Carmarthen.

They gathered 100 signatures in their first two days.

"We hope to collect many more signatures and we are

**By Jackie Biggs**

now set up online and have a special phone and text service. We are also distributing the petition to local businesses," said Sam, from Moyelgrove.

Sam and Joanne, who are both 15, point out that there is only one train during daylight hours from Fishguard Harbour station, which is the 13.27 Arriva Trains Wales service that meets the Stena Superferry. There is a second

service at 1.27am, which meets the night Superferry.

The pair say that Fishguard station is much closer, quicker and easier to get to than Haverfordwest, Carmarthen or Clunderwen for people who live in rural North Pembrokeshire in villages such as Moylegrove, Poppit, Newport and Dinas.

They add: "The purpose of this petition is to make rural North Pembrokeshire better connected. If Fishguard Harbour station had a regular daily service to Carmarthen, this could allow easier access to and from towns and villages in North Pembrokeshire to Haverfordwest (changing at Clarbeston Rd or Whitland), Swansea, Cardiff and beyond."

Sam said: "Such a service would also open up North Pembrokeshire, a region that relies heavily on tourism, to holidaymakers and day trippers. Tourists, or even residents who have friends and family visiting from across the border would be able to

arrive directly at Fishguard."

Copies of the petition will be sent to Arriva Trains Wales, National Rail, the Welsh Assembly Government and local MPs.

People who want to support the petition can do so via [www.moylegrove.co.uk/sign-here](http://www.moylegrove.co.uk/sign-here), which features a video and a breakdown of what the petition is all about. There is also a text or answerphone service on 07748478094 and you can email to [petition@moylegrove.co.uk](mailto:petition@moylegrove.co.uk)

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## Trio of dis

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Faith artworks by Cefyn Burgess Canolbarth Cymru-Mid Wales Arts.

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The exhibitions open Saturday 26 7th November.

Opening times are 10am - 5.30pm

## Pupils press for better rail connections

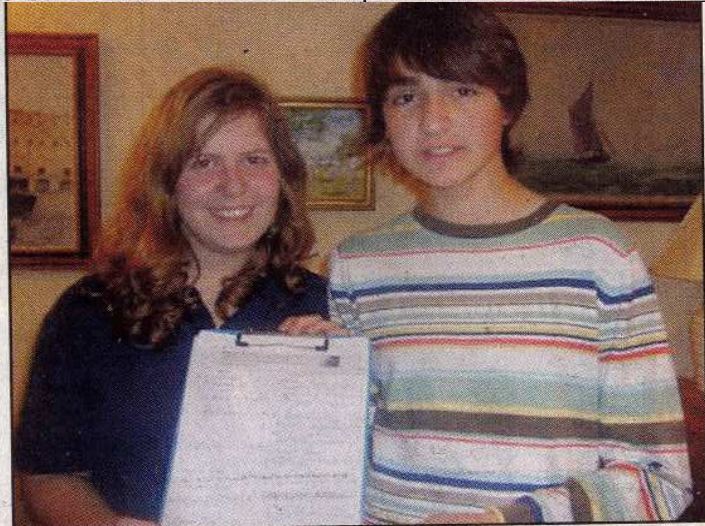
**YSGOL Y PRESELI** pupils Sam Faulkner and Joanna Griffiths have launched a petition calling for more trains to Fishguard.

The students have already gathered more than 100 signatures and have launched an online petition asking for regular daily services to Carmarthen.

Sam, aged 15, said: "The purpose of this petition is to make rural north Pembrokeshire better connected.

"This service would also open up north Pembrokeshire, a region that relies heavily on tourism, to holidaymakers and day trippers."

Preseli Pembrokeshire AM Paul Davies is supporting the



*SAM Faulkner and Joanna Griffiths - looking for signatures.*

petition.

He said: "All credit must go to these energetic youngsters.

"They are quite right when they say that having this service would open up the whole of north Pembrokeshire to visitors, as well as making life easier for local residents."

"The two trains that currently service Fishguard are timed to meet the ferry, so one of them is in the middle of the night. That's no use if you are a

student trying to get to college or a teenager trying to go shopping."

Mr Davies lobbied last year for five train services a day on the route but Network Rail dismissed the idea. However, the Welsh Assembly is due to consider the proposals soon.

The petition is online at [www.moylegrove.co.uk/sign-here.htm](http://www.moylegrove.co.uk/sign-here.htm). There is also a text or answerphone service on 07748 478094.



# Fishguard petition for trains

PRESELI Pembrokeshire AM Paul Davies is supporting a petition calling for more trains to Fishguard.

Ysgol y Preseli pupils Sam Faulkner and Joanne Griffiths are calling for regular daily services to Carmarthen. They have already gathered 100 signatures and have launched the petition online and in a text format.

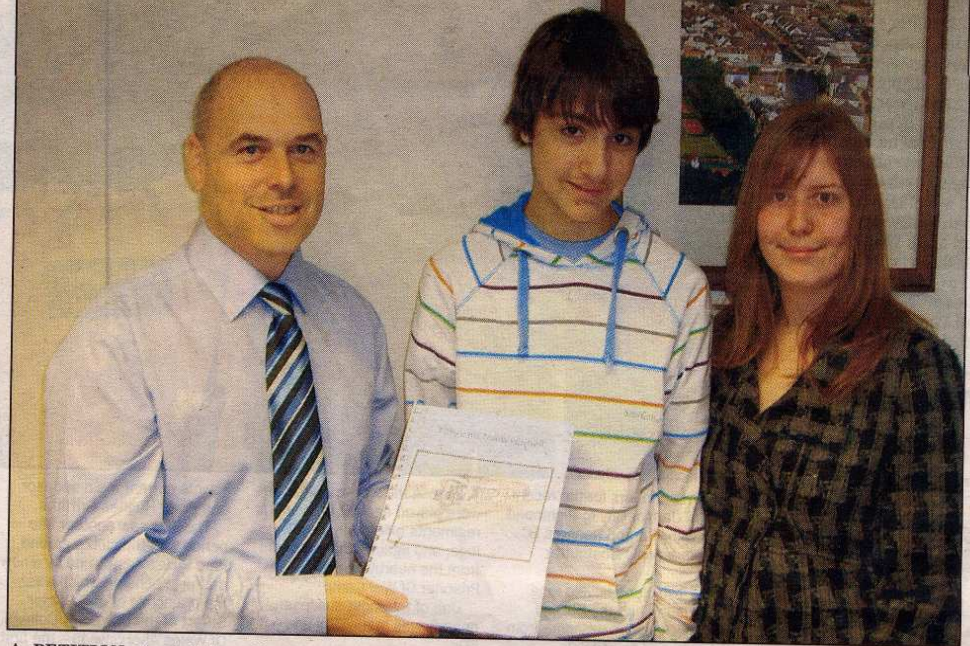
"All credit must go to these energetic youngsters," said Mr Davies. "They are quite right when they say that having this service would open up the whole of north Pembrokeshire to visitors as well as making life easier for local residents."

"The two trains that currently service Fishguard are timed to meet the ferry, so one of them is in the middle of the night. That's no use if you are a student trying to get to college or a teenager trying to go shopping."

Mr Davies lobbied last year for five train services a day on the route but was dealt a blow in December when Network Rail's Route Utilisation Strategy dismissed the idea. However, the Welsh Assembly Government is due to consider the proposals soon.

"North Pembrokeshire is a tourist hotspot that is currently difficult to reach by train. I wish these students every success," he added.

## Train petition plea



A PETITION started by two school pupils calling for more trains to Fishguard has been handed to the Welsh Assembly by Preseli Pembrokeshire AM Paul Davies.

Sam Faulkner and Joanne Griffiths, both 15 and from Moylegrove, launched the petition calling for more trains between Fishguard and

Carmarthen. They collected 1,317 signatures in six weeks via a website and paper petitions put up in shops and cafes in and around Fishguard.

"Given more time we could easily have come up with double the amount of signatures," said Sam.

At present there are only two trains a day to

and from Fishguard and they are timed to meet the Irish ferry - so one of them leaves at 1.30am.

"We started the petition because we want to make rural North Pembrokeshire better connected," added Joanne who goes to Ysgol Uwchradd Aberteifi.

"This would also open up North Pembrokeshire, a region that relies heavily

ly on tourism, to holiday-makers and day trippers."

Mr Davies handed the petition to the Welsh Assembly's petitions committee last week.

"I can't praise these energetic youngsters enough for their enthusiasm and commitment," he said.

■ Sam and Joanne are pictured with Mr Davies.

## AM backs teens' campaign for more Fishguard trains

A TEENS' train petition which attracted more than 1,000 signatures in six weeks has been handed into the Welsh Assembly by Preseli Pembrokeshire AM Paul Davies.

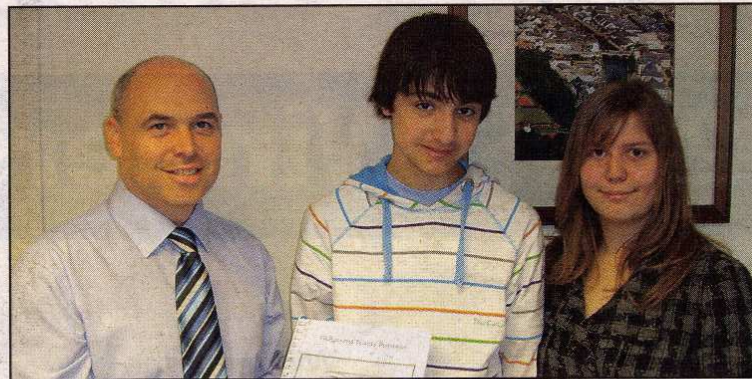
Sam Faulkner and Joanne Griffiths, both from Moylegrove, launched the petition calling for more trains between Fishguard and Carmarthen.

The 15 year-olds collected 1,317 signatures via a website and paper petitions put up in shops and cafes in and around Fishguard.

"Given more time we could easily have come up with double the amount of signatures," said Sam, who goes to Ysgol Y Preseli.

At present there are only two trains a day to and from Fishguard and they are timed to meet the Irish ferry - so one of them leaves at 1.30am.

"We started the petition because we want to make rural north Pembrokeshire better connected," added Joanne, who attends Cardigan Secondary



TEEN TRAINS : Sam Faulkner and Joanne Griffiths pictured with Preseli Pembrokeshire AM Paul Davies and their 1,317 signature petition.

School. "This would also open up north Pembrokeshire, a region that relies heavily on tourism, to holidaymakers and day trippers."

Mr Davies handed the petition to the Welsh Assembly's petitions committee last week.

"I can't praise these energetic youngsters enough for their enthusiasm and com-

mitment," he said. "Instead of just complaining about things they have gone ahead and done something proactive."

"I wholeheartedly agree with the petition's aims and lobbied unsuccessfully last year for an extra five trains a day on the route - I hope the petitions committee will listen to their request."

Sam added: "We hope the

Welsh Assembly will give this serious and careful consideration as this service is something that is definitely needed in this area. We believe that due to global warming and climate change everyone in the near future will have to consider more seriously the use of public transport in order to reduce our carbon footprint."





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## Pupils hand over train petition

**Two 15-year-olds have handed a petition signed by over 1,300 people to the Welsh assembly calling for extra train services to north Pembrokeshire.**



The campaign had a website complete with video

Joanne Griffiths and Sam Faulkner have received backing from businesses and residents for their call for greater use of Fishguard station.

There is one train a day in daylight hours but the assembly government is considering plans to boost services.

They have also won support from Preseli Pembrokeshire AM Paul Davies.

The teenagers, both from Moylegrove, launched the petition calling for more trains between Fishguard and Carmarthen in September.

They collected 1,317 signatures via a dedicated website and paper petitions put up in shops and cafes around Fishguard.

Joanne, who attends Cardigan Secondary School, said: "We started the petition because we want to make rural north Pembrokeshire better connected.

"This would also open up north Pembrokeshire, a region that relies heavily on tourism, to holidaymakers and day trippers."

**" This service is something that is definitely needed in this area "**

Sam Faulkner

At present there are only two trains a day to and from Fishguard and they are timed to meet the Irish ferry - so one of them leaves at 0130GMT.

Sam, who goes to Ysgol Y Preseli, added: "Given more time we could easily have come up with double the amount of signatures.

"We hope the Welsh assembly will give this serious and careful consideration as this service is something that is definitely needed in this area."

The youngsters presented the petition to Mr Davies who has handed it in the assembly's petitions committee.

He said: "Instead of just complaining about things they have gone ahead and done something proactive.

"I wholeheartedly agree with the petition's aims and lobbied unsuccessfully last year for an extra five trains a day on the route - I hope the petitions committee will listen to their request."

The assembly government said it was currently considering a report about boosting public transport in the area.

Ministers are expected to make a decision before the end of the year.



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# Response from the Enterprise and Learning Committee #1

**Pwyllgor Menter a Dysgu**  
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Val Lloyd AM  
Chair, Petitions Committee  
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2 December 2009

Dear Val

## **Petition: Additional Trains to Fishguard**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 November asking the Enterprise and Learning Committee to consider the above petition as part of our inquiry into the future rail infrastructure in Wales.

The Committee held a concurrent meeting with the Welsh Affairs Committee on 23 November as part of our inquiry, which was also our final evidence session. Paul Davies AM raised the petition with one of our witnesses - the Lead Chief Officer of SWWITCH, the regional transport consortium for South West Wales. You may wish to send a copy of their discussion (paragraphs 169 to 173 of the transcript of that meeting) to the lead petitioners.

Our Committee Clerk has also requested the additional information that SWWITCH offered to provide.

Yours sincerely



**Gareth Jones AM**  
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**Extract from transcript of Enterprise and Learning Committee  
meeting on 23 November 2009**

**Paul Davies:** I want to explore additional capacity further with you, and ask a brief question about train services west of Carmarthen. I specifically want to ask about improvements to services to Fishguard, which Richard has already touched upon. I recently had the privilege of accepting a petition from two 15-year-olds, calling on the Welsh Assembly Government to fund an additional five trains per day to Fishguard, which SWITCH has already identified as necessary. The petition has attracted over 1,300 signatures, and has been passed on to the Assembly's Petitions Committee for consideration. It is a credit to those young people that they have organised such a petition. My question is therefore for Richard. Why do you support the case for additional services to Fishguard, and what benefits would they bring?

**Mr Workman:** By way of introduction, the point about youngsters was important, and the more that we can get youngsters used to using rail services, it is a habit that they will continue with rather than looking at less sustainable modes of travel. There is a tremendous benefit there.

As part of the work that we have done, we have developed a robust business case to demonstrate that improved services to Fishguard would increase both commuting opportunities and the wider use of rail. Along with the infrastructure improvements that I mentioned—the doubling of the Loughor section—it would also improve connectivity across the network, so that is an example of service improvements coming together with infrastructure improvements. Fishguard would benefit in its own right, but the major benefits would be driven out when it can connect better to the rest of the network.

**Paul Davies:** Could you confirm whether these additional services could be provided prior to the doubling of the track west of Swansea? Would the cost be fairly modest?

**Mr Workman:** Unfortunately, I cannot share the cost at this public meeting, because the work was done for a confidential report. However, if Members are interested, I can share that information with you on a confidential basis via the secretariat. It is certainly cost-beneficial to undertake the services by themselves, but as I have said, the benefits are far greater alongside the other infrastructure works.



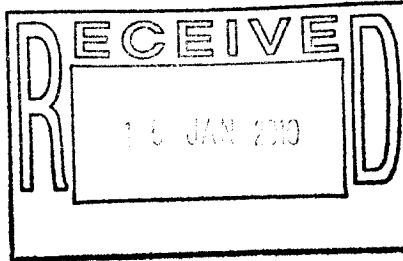
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11 January 2010

Dear Val,

Thank you for your letter of 17 November 2009 on behalf of the Petitions Committee, which calls upon the Welsh Assembly Government to fund five additional trains per day to Fishguard. You ask whether the Welsh Assembly Government has any plans to provide funding for additional services to and from Fishguard.

The National Transport Plan includes specific commitments to the delivery of specific improvements in all the travel corridors across Wales. For the east - west corridor in south Wales, the key aim for rail is targeted investment in infrastructure to improve the reliability, quality and frequency of east - west rail in South Wales.

The regional consortia SWWTCH have submitted their final Regional Transport Plan (RTP), which I am currently considering. The RTP sets out priority proposals for improvements to rail services west of Swansea, comprising; The Gowerton Lougher redoubling scheme (which is committed and in delivery); Three trains per hour (TPH) between Swansea, Gowerton Llanelli and Carmarthen (the current frequency is 1.5 TPH); Hourly services between Carmarthen and Milford Haven (current frequency is two-hourly); Five trains per day to Fishguard Harbour (currently two boat trains per day).

Whilst it would be possible to run extra trains to Fishguard before the redoubling scheme is completed, SWWTCH have proposals for a large number of service improvements, the majority of which do need the redoubling, it could be seen as premature to prioritise Fishguard's needs. Therefore there is no current commitment to provide these additional services, nor funding allocated to them within the revenue budget. I am aware that there is a good business case for them and will keep this under consideration.

**Ieuan Wyn Jones**  
**Gweinidog dros yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth**  
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Ein cyf/Our ref DFM/00371/10

Christine Chapman AM  
Chair - Petitions Committee  
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28 February 2010

Dear Christine,

Thank you for your letter of 10 February, on behalf of the Petitions Committee, about additional train services to Fishguard.

The Gowerton – Lougher track redoubling is linked to Network Rail's replacement of the Lougher viaduct, which is scheduled to be completed by 2013.

I am aware that SWWITCH have identified "five trains per day to Fishguard" as a priority within their Regional Transport Plan. My officials will discuss this further with the consortia for possible implementation at some later date. I must make it clear that due to the intense pressure on budgets, I am unable to make an early commitment.

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**Ieuan Wyn Jones**  
Gweinidog dros yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth  
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16 March 2010

Dear Chris

**PETITION P-03-256 Additional Trains to Fishguard**

In your letter dated 10 February you asked whether the Enterprise and Learning Committee's report on Future Railway Infrastructure in Wales made any specific recommendations in relation to the Fishguard Petition.

There is a section on the petition in our report (paragraphs 55 to 59) in which we recommend that:

"The Welsh Government should agree to fund the proposal, supported by the regional transport consortium SWITCH and petitioners to the National Assembly, for providing additional trains to Fishguard."  
[Recommendation 11]

We received the Government's response to our report last Thursday (11 March). The Minister has rejected our recommendation on the grounds that:

"It would be inappropriate to agree to a Committee proposal to support a particular Regional Transport Plan priority when there are many priorities across all 4 of the Regional Transport Plans, and where there is already an established process in place for responding to those priorities."

In the Plenary debate on our report on 17 March I shall express disappointment that the Minister has not accepted our recommendation.

Yours sincerely



**Gareth Jones AM**  
**Committee Chair**



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30 April 2010

Dear Christine,

Thank you for your further letter of 30 March, on behalf of the Petitions Committee, about additional trains to Fishguard.

We set out our plans for improving rail services in the Rail Forward Programme which was published in 2008. We are committed to delivering the Programme and have already made progress in a number of key priority areas. Our priority is to fund and deliver projects within the Programme ahead of any other rail schemes.

The four Regional Transport Consortia have now finalised their respective Regional Transport Plans. These include proposals for new rail services and some of these are not included in Rail Forward Programme as it predates the Regional Transport Plans, as with SWWITCH's proposals for a better train service to Fishguard. We have a system in place to look at all of the different proposals in the Regional Transport Plans to prioritise them into a realistic, integrated and affordable programme. As part of this, we are currently looking at the proposal for better services to Fishguard alongside other proposals, and this process will inform our approach towards new rail schemes for inclusion in future iterations of the Rail Forward Programme. In the case of Fishguard, we will work closely with SWWITCH and local groups.

In terms of the Enterprise and Learning Committee, I rejected the recommendation in relation to Fishguard because it was asking me to prioritise it ahead of other rail schemes in the Plans. I was not prepared to do this because we are looking at potential schemes across all of Wales for inclusion in future iterations of the Rail Forward Programme. This is very much an ongoing process and I can assure the Committee that the Fishguard proposal, along with other rail proposals in Wales, are being actively looked at to evaluate whether they should be taken forward in the future.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ieuan'.

**Ieuan Wyn Jones**  
**Gweinidog dros yr Economi a Thrafnidiaeth**  
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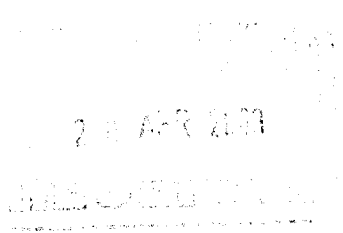


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Dear Ms Chapman,

**PETITION: P- 03- 256 – ADDITIONAL TRAINS TO FISHGUARD**

I refer to your recent letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and the attachments enclosed, which outlined the current situation with respect to the petition for extra services to Fishguard.

You will be aware that SWWITCH has set out its rail priorities very clearly in "Progress in Partnership", the Regional Transport Plan for South West Wales. That plan was adopted by all four Councils last summer and submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government at the end of September 2009. The Deputy First Minister approved the SWWITCH RTP in December 2010. Our rail priorities remain unchanged.

SWWITCH has welcomed the innovation and passion shown by the local young people in developing and publicising a petition calling for additional rail services to Fishguard. However, the difficult position of the Deputy First Minister, in terms of addressing priorities from all four transport consortia in Wales, is acknowledged and SWWITCH looks forward to continuing to work with the Minister and his officials on making the case for further investment in rail services to and from South West Wales.

Yours sincerely

**Sue Miles – SWWITCH Co-ordinator**



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07 June 2010

*Anwyl Paul*

Thank you for your letter of 17 May about improving rail services to Fishguard.

The Welsh Assembly Government will consider the proposal for better services to Fishguard alongside other projects in order to determine our future priorities. As a first step, I have asked my officials to revisit the 2007 business case appraisal for additional Fishguard services, in partnership with the local transport consortia SWWITCH and Arriva Trains Wales. As I said in plenary on 19 May, additional revenue costs will be required to provide the extra trains needed for more services, and this will be challenging in the current economic climate.

Although I am unable to give you a specific timescale for any new services, I can assure you that I will fully consider the updated business case when this is completed later this year.

*Iu gywri*

*Ieuan*

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13 July 2010

*Dea Christine*

Thank you for your letter of 21 June, on behalf of the Petitions Committee about additional trains to Fishguard.

I have asked my officials to work with the South West Wales Regional Transport Consortium (SWWITCH) and Arriva Trains Wales to refresh the business case for additional trains to Fishguard. This activity is well underway and I expect to receive the findings this autumn.

You will be aware that the National Transport Plan contains the proposals that were previously set out in the Rail Forward Programme. My priority is to continue delivering the projects within the National Transport Plan. At the same time, I recognise that the Plan exists in an evolving environment and that new proposals that can demonstrate strong policy outcomes, as well as good value for money, should be considered for inclusion in future iterations of the Plan.

While I have no plans to fundamentally review the Plan, I am open to including new projects subject to the business case and affordability. In view of this I look forward to receiving the refreshed business case for additional Fishguard services.

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25 October 2010

*Dea Christine*

Thank you for your letter of 5 October, on behalf of the Petitions Committee, about additional trains to Fishguard.

My officials are refreshing the previous business case and this will be completed by the end of Autumn.

I will write to you again when the refreshed business case is available and I will provide you with details of the findings.

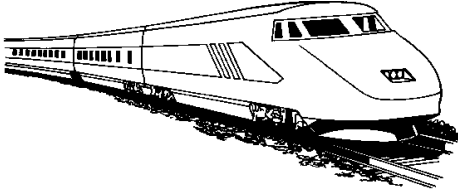
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# Fishguard Trains Petition Deiseb Trenau Abergwaun

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**20 March 2011**

Ieuan Wyn Jones AM  
Deputy First Minister & Minister for Economy & Transport  
Welsh Assembly Government

Dear Mr Wyn Jones,

We write to you regarding the Fishguard Trains Petition.

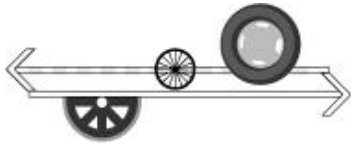
On the 16<sup>th</sup> of March we attended the Annual General Meeting of the North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum where the petition and the refreshed business case was discussed at length by members of the committee and the public.

We have been invited to the Petition's Committee's booklet launch on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March as the Fishguard Trains Petition is being included in the booklet as an example of how a petition can prove to be a strong and focal part of a campaign. Unfortunately neither of us are able to attend but Hatti Woakes from the North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum intends to attend to represent us.

As we understand it the Petitions Committee holds its last meeting on the afternoon of the 29<sup>th</sup> of March and we sincerely hope that the refreshed business case will by then be available to enable our petition for consideration once again at this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Faulkner & Joanne Griffiths



# North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

17<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Ieuan Wyn Jones AM  
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Dear First Minister,

## **RAIL SERVICES TO FISHGUARD**

You have recently received a copy of the North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum's Annual Report which contrasts the continued lack of improvement to Fishguard's extremely limited rail services with the significant improvements that are being made to the other transport modes in our area.

During our Annual General Meeting last night, in an in-depth discussion about the need for better Fishguard rail services, members and other attendees took note of:

- The extremely favourable BCR in the Jacobs Fishguard Rail Study
- The designation of additional services to Fishguard as a top priority in the SWITCH Regional Transport Plan
- The National Assembly Enterprise and Learning Committee's recommendation for additional for additional rail services to Fishguard
- The very significant show of support for additional services to Fishguard called for in the Fishguard Trains petition (originated by Moylegrove students Sam Faulkner and Joanne Griffiths, without prior knowledge of the above-mentioned developments or the work of the North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum).

Attention was also drawn to the recent announcement of yet another new train service between north and south Wales.

Following the instruction of the meeting at the conclusion of this discussion, I am writing to draw your attention to the deep disappointment in our broad community for the lack of any improvement to Fishguard rail services during this Assembly.

Sincerely,

*Hatti Woakes*

Secretary  
North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum