



Russell George AM
Chair, Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
National Assembly for Wales
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Dear Russell,

I hope this letter finds you well? I am writing as the recently appointed Chair of Keolis UK to suggest I call on you in that capacity, for an introductory meeting.

By way of background, Keolis UK is part of an international group which operates across 16 countries worldwide. We've had a presence in the UK since rail privatisation in 1996, a period which has seen us become an integral part of the heavy and light rail industries here. We currently employ over 16,000 people across our joint venture franchises in the UK and deliver 1 in every 3 rail journeys here.

In 2018, Keolis (as part of the KeolisAmey partnership) was awarded a 15-year contract to run the Wales & Borders franchise and deliver the next phase of the South Wales Metro project. As a further sign of our commitment to Wales, Keolis will soon be strengthening its presence here by moving our UK headquarters from London to Cardiff.

The UK transport network is on the cusp of vast organisational and commercial changes, and we are committed to being at the forefront of this – applying global expertise and best practice and contributing to new thinking, ideas and solutions.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you in your capacity as Chair of the Economy, Infrastructure, and Skills Committee to brief you on our work and future plans. This meeting would also provide an opportunity to better understand the priorities and work of your committee, as well as how our operations will likely align with the UK Government's "Williams Rail Review" when its recommendations are published this Autumn.

If you would like to do this, perhaps your office could contact mine to find a convenient date?

*Yours,
Derek*

Sir Derek Jones
Chairman
Keolis UK

