



Ein cyf/Our ref WQ92140, WQ92141, WQ92160

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Dear Andrew

I am writing in response to the Written Questions you tabled on 18/03/2024:

- What discussions is the Minister having with local authorities to ensure that local development plans do not reduce access to public transport? (WQ92140)
- Further to WQ92140, what action is the Minister taking to ensure that park and ride facilities are not at risk of being reduced in local development plans? (WQ92141)
- What plans does the Minister have to encourage commuters to carpool on their daily commutes? (WQ92160)

Our guidance on Local Development Plans sets out that plans should take account of the Sustainable Transport Hierarchy, which gives priority to interventions that support walking and cycling, and public transport.

It is the responsibility over Local Authorities to assess the role of park and ride facilities in their Local Development Plans, and that role is likely to vary depending on the characteristics of the area.

I recognise the benefits of carpooling. Our Regional Transport Plan guidance includes requirements for behaviour change policies. This could include encouraging carpooling, should Corporate Joint Committees assess that it is a high priority for their region.

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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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke above the letters.

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