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Welsh Government

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Dear Colleague

Five Additional Daily Trains to Fishguard

The Welsh Government announced on 29 March that it will be funding five additional trains to/from Fishguard Harbour Station, Monday – Saturday, planned to start from September 2011. These are in addition to the two current trains which connect with the midday and midnight ferry services.

The Welsh Government is committed to an informal community consultation on the timetable and I am writing to ask for your comments.

The preferred timetable follows a first round of consultation with Arriva Trains Wales, the North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum, All Points West Community Rail Partnership and the Regional Transport Consortium SWWITCH.

The preferred timetable has been developed following these meetings. A series of questions which we would also like your views, is attached at Annex One accompanying this letter, together with notes on why it is preferred.

I would welcome your comments and views during this consultation period. Please use the accompanying pre-paid envelope or alternatively you can write directly to Mark Price, Rail Unit, Integrated Transport Division, FREEPOST NAT 8910, Cathays Park, Cardiff. CF10 3NQ or e-mail Mark.price@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please also find a Demographic Data Collection Form so that we can confirm the representation of replies that we have received. This is an anonymous exercise and data collected will only be used for the purpose of this informal consultation exercise. Replies should be sent in separately to your consultation response by using a separate pre-paid envelope.

We would like to receive your reply by Friday 17 June 2011 to enable your response to be fully considered.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Price
Rail Unit
Welsh Government

Additional Trains to Fishguard – Informal Community Consultation

Equal Opportunities Monitoring Form

The information provided on this form is and will remain Strictly Private and Confidential. Your personal details will not be divulged to any other Company and/or Organisation. The Welsh Government is committed to achieving equal opportunities in all its activities and responsibilities. This means taking action to ensure that all our services are accessible, and that all users of our services are treated equally. The Welsh Government carries out equal opportunities monitoring to collect information which will allow us to improve our services.

Gender

Male
 Female

Age

16-18 19-24
 25-49 50+
 Year of birth _ _ _ _ _

Ethnic origin

Ethnic origin questions are not about nationality, place of birth or citizenship. They are about broad ethnic groups i.e. UK citizens may belong to any of the groups above. Participants should use the category which they feel describes their ethnic origin.

Black

Black British
 Black English
 Black Irish
 Black Scottish
 Black Welsh
 Caribbean
 African
 Any other Black background

Asian

Asian British
 Asian English
 Asian Irish
 Asian Scottish
 Asian Welsh
 Indian
 Pakistani
 Bangladeshi
 Chinese
 Any other Asian background

White

British
 English
 Irish
 Scottish
 Welsh

Dual Heritage

White and Black Caribbean
 White and Black African
 White and Asian
 Any other dual heritage background

Any other white background _____

Gypsy / Traveller / Romany

If you would prefer to describe your ethnic origin in another way, please do so.

Prefer not to say
Migrant Worker

Yes – EU

Yes – Non-EU

No

Welsh language ability

Understand Welsh Yes No

Speak Welsh Yes No

Read Welsh Yes No

Write Welsh Yes No

Disability

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person because of the barriers (attitudinal, environmental and organisational) which prevent you from participating fully in all areas of life.

Yes No

Do you face barriers to employment due to a work limiting health condition?

Yes No

Lone Parent

Yes No

Sexual Orientation

Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

Heterosexual or Straight Bisexual

Gay or Lesbian Other

Prefer not to say

Religion

No religion Hindu

Christian (All denominations) Buddhist

Jewish Muslim

Sikh Prefer not to say

Any other religion, please describe _____

Additional Trains to Fishguard

Proposed Timetable

Fishguard Harbour services – draft timetable*							
	new	new	new	Ferry	new	new	ferry
London	-	-	-	(08:45)	(12:45)	(14:45)	(20:15)
Cardiff	-	-	(06:42)	10:57	(15:14)	(17:04)	(22:26)
Swansea	-	-	(07:50)	(11:37)	16:40	(18:09)	23:45
Carmarthen	05:50	(05:58)	(08:40) 08:50	(11:23)	17:32	(19:02)	00:33
Whitland	06:04	(06:13)	09:04	12:44	17:51	(19:18) 19:38	00:48
Clarbeston Road	06:16	(06:27) 07:33	09:19	(11:31)	18:07	19:54	01:02
Fishguard	06:41	07:57	09:41	13:25	18:34	20:16	01:29
Fishguard	06:53	08:06	09:55	13:30*	18:49	20:26	01:50
Clarbeston Road	07:16 (07:28)	08:25	10:14	-	19:08	20:46	02:10
Whitland	(07:41)	08:39	10:28	14:02	19:22 (19:44)	20:59	02:22
Carmarthen	(08:01)	08:57	10:48 (11:04)	14:19 (14:31)	(20:05)	21:18 (22:35)	02:44
Swansea	(08:49)	09:50	(11:51)	(15:22)	(20:47)	(23:45)	03:29
Cardiff	(09:46)	(10:48)	(12:47)	(16:04)	(21:50)	-	(05:14)
London	(12:02)	(13:06)	(15:08)	(18:24)	-	-	(07:35)
<p>*Note 1. - times in brackets and italics are connection times</p> <p>*Note 2. – For Swansea from 1330 Fishguard boat train, change at Whitland (arr 14:02 dep 14:11) for 15:23 arr Swansea.</p> <p>*Note 3. - London arrival times are Mon-Fri only. Saturday arrival times are generally later</p>							

Timetable Strengths

- Provides a good range of through journey opportunities including direct services to Manchester;
- Makes efficient use of existing train resources;
- Enables good travel opportunities to/from Cardiff, facilitating day trips;
- Provides a 17:30 commuter/shopper departure from Carmarthen;
- Includes the use of better quality trains e.g. Class 175's;
- Provides beneficial additional capacity on main line services, particularly in the evening peak out of Swansea;
- Enables a late arrival into Fishguard (20:16), which is beneficial to longer distance travel including inbound tourism.

Other Timetable Changes

- Requires changes to two existing services:
 - The current 10:05 Swansea – Pembroke Dock service would commence from Carmarthen (passengers from Swansea would be able to connect into the Pembroke service at Carmarthen from an existing Swansea service) (this applies Monday – Friday in school term times only. The Swansea connection is maintained on Saturdays, bank holidays and school holidays.);
 - The current 15:14 Cardiff to Swansea train (Swanline service) would be retimed to a 15:30 departure, enabling it to link with a Swansea – Fishguard service as a through train.

Questions

1. Do you support the proposed timetable? YES/NO.

2. If you answered “NO” above, please explain why.

3. Where do you want to travel by train from/to Fishguard Harbour (please choose as many as you like)

- Carmarthen
- Swansea
- Cardiff
- Other (please state where, up to 4 places)

4. Any further comments

Thank you for your time completing this questionnaire. We look forward to hearing from you.