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Dear Rob,

Thank you for your letter of 29 February enclosing a copy of the approved Case for Change for the Regional Transport Plan (RTP) and discussing funding of the work.

The South West must be congratulated for producing this Case for Change efficiently and moving forward swiftly in the RTP development.

We recognise the resource pressures that CJs, and Local Authorities, currently face. To minimise call on both your financial resources and personnel time we suggest that the plans are prepared collaboratively with emphasis placed on the right people discussing the solutions and producing succinct reports. Lengthy reporting, often requiring expensive consultant input, should be avoided.

The Welsh Government has set out the financial contribution it is able to make towards plan preparation. Additionally, we are reshaping our transport planning resource, and staff within Transport for Wales, to provide technical and management support to the CJC to prepare the plans.

Regarding funding to deliver the measures set out in the RTP, we are of course unable to give definitive figures because we don't have our total budgets yet. However, as guidance, in the past 5 years the average level of annual Welsh Government funding for local transport grants across the whole of Wales has been around £135m.

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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.

Our officials will work with yours to develop a balance between keeping the RTP package achievable within likely budgets but also being ambitious to create a strong case for increasing investment in regional transport.

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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