

Submission of Evidence Form – National Development Framework

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Title of evidence

Passenger service enhancement Maesteg to Cardiff

Summary of evidence

The population served by this line requires and improved passenger service to Bridgend and Cardiff and improved connections to elsewhere in Wales. The enhancement has been incorporated in all Welsh Government transport plans but not delivered.

A crossing loop needs to be provided in the Llynfi Valley to provide at least a half hourly service rail service. This still will not achieve the Metro promise of a 15 minute service. If positioned at Gelli Las this will provide an opportunity for industrial use as well. A second loop outside Bridgend would provide increased resilience. An increase in parking spaces would be required at stations. The Government at one time stated that the branch would be electrified.

Summary of key issues/conclusions

Rail provides the only direct public transport to Cardiff. There is no alternative direct bus service. The main road in the Llynfi Valley is substandard and there is frequent congestion at junctions resulting in up to one mile tail backs at peak hours. There have been no recent road improvements in the area served by the railway line.

Why have you submitted this evidence?

To achieve a satisfactory rail service for stations between Maesteg and Cardiff.

How should this evidence inform the development of the NDF?

By being incorporated in the Framework.

How does this evidence and any actions it recommends help achieve the 7 well-being goals?

Globally responsible will reduce emissions
Prosperous will improve living conditions in deprived communities
Resilient will provide an improved reliable transport system for all
Healthier will reduce omissions will provide improved employment facilities
More equal will provide better opportunities equivalent to other parts of Wales
Cohesive will encourage people to stay in a valley community and strengthen its character
Will enable attendance at weekend and evening cultural events in the Capital city

Why is the evidence of national significance?

It raises provision for a transport deprived area and has economic and social benefits for the affected communities

Do you agree for your evidence to be made public? (Only evidence that can be made public will inform the development of the NDF)

Yes