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Dear Linda,

I am writing in respect of ABP's recent consultation on its draft master plan for the Port of Newport 2015-2035.

The Welsh Government recognises that ports have an integral role in supporting economic growth and jobs in Wales. We therefore share the Department of Transport's view of the benefits of producing master plans which set out ports' longer term strategies and aspirations.

From recent correspondence between our Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure and the former Secretary of State, you will be aware that a Public Local Inquiry (PLI) into our published proposals for the M4 Corridor around Newport (M4 CaN) is to start on 1 November 2016; we welcome the assistance the Department of Transport is providing in seeking the joint appointment of independent Inspectors to consider the potential impact of the proposals on the ongoing port operations.

We would therefore recommend that ABP is encouraged to consider delaying the finalisation of the master plan until the outcome of the M4 CaN PLI is known, when ABP will be better placed to consider any implications for the longer term future of the port.

I am copying this letter to Matthew Kennerley, Director, South Wales ABP.

Yours sincerely,

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