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Summary: This is a letter from the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement and Infrastructure Management following the meeting of the Panel on 3rd November 2020. It covers the Project Update Report.

Dear Councillor Thomas,

The Development & Regeneration Panel met on 3rd November 2020. During the discussion on the Dashboard Report, the following issues were highlighted which we would like to raise with you, for your consideration and response.

Dashboard Report

Kingsway

We queried whether pavement design in the Kingsway conformed to the Active Travel Design Guide (Welsh Government 2014) in order to properly segregate cyclists and pedestrians. We expressed concerns about possible collisions and conflict between cyclists and pedestrians using this area of pavement. Officers explained that extensive consultation had taken place with cycle groups and mobility groups, leading

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to a balanced design that took account of a range of features, however, a more detailed response could be sought from the Highways & Transport Department.

We had noticed that a bus stop along the Kingsway was closed and asked whether bus stops along the Kingsway were being closed, or relocated, in order to avoid traffic build-ups when a bus was stationary at a designated stop. We heard that work is currently being undertaken to remedy any defects whilst traffic flow was at its lowest, however, bus stop locations remained unchanged. The Panel is seeking confirmation of this.

Transportation & Highways

We asked questions about the intention to extend the cycle track to the Copper Works site and Swansea Lower Valley. We also questioned whether plans are being pushed forward under the metro scheme for Landore; in particular, to accommodate access to Morfa retail park, the Stadium and the newly developed distillery. The Panel was told that Swansea has more miles of cycle path than any other area in Wales and that the Metro system is still being worked on as an idea.

Active Travel Programme – We raised concerns over the research and evidence that justified some new cycle tracks, and whether demand was high enough to warrant the costs. We discussed the Mayals Road cycle track that is scheduled for construction soon and queried whether this had gone to tender. The Panel was informed that further information should be sought from Stuart Davies as Head of Highways and Transportation.

Your response:

We hope you find this letter useful and informative. We would welcome your comments on any of the issues raised, but in this instance, please provide a formal written response by 10th December 2020 to the following:

- We require a detailed response as to whether pavement design in the Kingsway conforms to the Active Travel Design Guide, chapter 6 (Welsh Government 2014) in order to properly segregate cyclists and pedestrians.
- Please confirm any changes to the locations of bus stops along the Kingsway.
- Please provide a concise synopsis of current developments relating to the Landore Metro.

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- Mayals cycle track: please provide an update on this development, inclusive of any evidence used to justify the expenditure, and whether this item has been out to Tender.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Jones", written in a cursive style.

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