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Dear Ian

I am writing to you regarding your consultation on the May 2016 timetable. I would like to see the introduction of a number of improvements to your services.

The additional services I have funded on both the Cambrian and Heart of Wales lines have been successful in delivering improved journey opportunities. I want to see these services further improved by reducing the journey times of services on the Heart of Wales line and including (as request stops) all stations north of Barmouth on the 7pm departure from Machynlleth. I also request that consideration is given to including a 8.30am service from Shrewsbury to Aberystwyth.

I understand that Network Rail intend to commission the Welsh Government funded improvements to the line between Wrexham and Saltney in June 2016. I would welcome sight of your plans for the improvements to services which use this route and confirmation that the improvements will be implemented as soon as the works are commissioned.

I continue to support your on-going application with the ORR for paths for additional services from North Wales to Manchester Airport.

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