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RAILFUTURE LOOKS FORWARD TO IMPROVED WELSH RAIL SERVICES

Welsh rail campaigners are looking forward to long term improvements in Welsh rail services. The campaign group Railfuture Wales has welcomed recommendations in a new report from the enterprise and learning committee of the Welsh Assembly Government. The document, entitled "Future Railway Infrastructure in Wales" is released tomorrow (25th Jan 2010) and recommends a number of improvements.

"We're delighted that so many of our recommendations have been taken up" said Rowland Pittard of Railfuture Wales, who contributed to the initial consultation. "We're looking forward to improvements such as electrification and new urban light rail schemes in some of our cities"

"Rail is important for Wales because there are very few high quality roads in Wales, and those are already overburdened. Rail can certainly relieve this, especially in the east-west corridors"

"Railfuture Wales is mentioned around 16 times in the report. The Welsh branch is pleased with its recommendations, but there's much more that needs doing. We'll continue to push for improved stations, better connections with other modes of transport and for more freight to be sent by rail"

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