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Rail campaigners back Welsh transport revolution

Rail campaigners have welcomed the findings in today's Commons Welsh Affairs Committee report regarding railways in Wales. "We support the call for improved and more frequent cross border services, especially between South Wales and Bristol." said Rowland Pittard of Railfuture Wales. "But there are real concerns that Wales will lose out when HS2 is delivered and it's important that a 'Barnett' payment is made to Wales to help rectify this concern. This additional payment would enable improved links to be developed such as the electrification of the North Wales main line and enhanced links from Mid and South West Wales to the Midlands and north. We've already called for better links to airports and it's disappointing that North Wales does not have a direct links to Manchester and Liverpool airports, in fact links to Manchester airport will worsen if services are diverted to Manchester Victoria in the future."

"We would also welcome greater devolution of transport powers to the Welsh government, as they have been in Scotland, which would allow greater improvements for Wales"

Notes to editors:

The Commons Welsh Affairs Committee report, published today, can be found at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmwelaf/95/9502.htm>

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