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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 8 April regarding Petition P-06-1408 Make safe the access to the Secret Garden A4042 Goytre Fawr for both pedestrians and vehicles.

I have passed your letter to my officials and asked them to consider the further points and questions raised by the petitioner which are all relevant to the design process at the Secret Garden.

It is recognised that the bus stops identified lack accessibility. There is a desire to improve this with footway connections to these on both sides of the carriageway. We take highway safety very seriously and any design will be accompanied with appropriate signs. As a further check on safety, all schemes are required to follow the relevant stages of the Road Safety Audit process.

With regard to Active Travel links on the A4042 corridor at this location, Transport for Wales are leading with their Pathfinder Project which is seeking to bring highway authorities and stakeholders together for the overall aspirations of a Pontypool to Usk link. Subject to funding and prioritisation, it is likely that the first phase of this would be on the A4042 corridor and it would make sense where possible, to connect local points of interest such as the Secret Garden.

As for the public right of way, although this is not part of the A4042 corridor, the scheme would seek to maximise accessibility and therefore be likely to facilitate connection opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

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