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Dear Ms Hyslop,

Thank you for your email of 17 July 2023 to Mairi McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, regarding your refusal from a new Winchburgh Station project, and for sharing the background of your previous involvement in proposals for a station at Winchburgh with the Cabinet Secretary.

I am replying, as I have assumed Ministerial responsibility for this project. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to you.

As you know, my officials at Transport Scotland are supportive of a new station at Winchburgh. Transport Scotland's understanding of the station proposal is that it is and has always been a developer led station, as outlined in the Developer's (Winchburgh Developments Ltd) original Masterplan.

In 2022, the then Minister for Transport Jenny Gilruth MSP did commit ScotRail (in public ownership) to the station fit-out, electric vehicle charging points and funding the future ongoing maintenance and operation expenses of the station. I can confirm, should the Developer deliver the station, Transport Scotland via ScotRail would indeed fund its running costs.

Transport Scotland reviewed the design proposals for a new station at Winchburgh and proactively suggested amendments to these, which would see any new station delivered more efficiently. Transport Scotland officials advise that Network Rail has revised this proposal in line with Transport Scotland's suggestions and Network Rail is now able to share the revised proposal with the Developer.

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I am pleased that proactive discussions between stakeholders including Transport Scotland, Network Rail, West Lothian Council and Winchburgh Developments Ltd, continue.

I remain hopeful that the issue of funding for a new station in Winchburgh can soon be resolved which will benefit the residents of this area.

I welcome the collaborative, multi-stakeholder approach and to that effect, I will be attending a multi-agency meeting including Transport Scotland, West Lothian Council, Winchburgh Developments Ltd, and Network Rail to further discuss a proposal for a train station in Winchburgh.

I would be pleased to update you after the meeting takes place to ensure you are kept up to date with any progress.

Yours sincerely,

**Patrick Harvie MSP**

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