

Cyngor Tref / Town Council

Our ref: CLE/PRS/TC78W 8 February 2012

Dear Siân,

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIVITY THROUGH WELSH PORTS AND AIRPORTS

The response of the Holyhead Town Council, in relation to the above is as follows:-

Holyhead Port is ideally located to benefit from the development and servicing of the offshore renewable energy industry from wind or tidal energy.

The Port could/should have an important part to play in the 'Anglesey Energy Island' project and in the Welsh Government's Anglesey Enterprise Zone – a programme which is excellent news for the island – and indeed Holyhead. However, the port does suffer from a lack of available quay space which could reduce the area's ability to capitalise on these projects and create much needed jobs.

Traffic congestion at the port entrance has been an issue for years. A plan was worked up some years ago called the 'Holyhead Transport Project'. At present, the advice is that the scheme is on hold. It is vital that this project is funded so that the port can develop and provide much needed employment in the area.

Recently, a proposal was made from a private company for a truck stop/transport hub at Parc Cybi in Holyhead – a development site in the ownership of the Welsh Government. This is another project that is vital for the development of the port.

LGVs are having to park up around the town and at the retail park causing a lot of disturbance to the community. This proposed development would resolve this issue if the Welsh Government gave it full support, and again, this would create much needed employment in the community.

The Welsh Government and the Local Authority should work with the port owners to ensure that it is developed in order that Holyhead and Anglesey can benefit economically from these new industries.

As port operator, Stena Line has an excellent relationship with the Holyhead Town Council and the community and with the Welsh Government's help, this relationship can be sustained for the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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