

SWYDDFA CYMORTH Y CABINET CABINET SUPPORT OFFICE

Fy Nghyf / My Ref: CM46450

Dyddiad / Date: 02 February 2022

Mark Drakeford MS
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Annwyl / Dear Mark Drakeford MS,

Re: Pentyrch - Provision Of Ovo Bikes.

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the above.

I can appreciate that the introduction of ebikes would seem an excellent opportunity to improve the connectivity between outer areas of the city such as Pentyrch for active modes. I hope that the following information will assist in explaining the strategy for expansion.

As you may be aware, the operation of the bike scheme is based around the availability of rental stations in reasonably close proximity to others on the network. This enables customer to access and end rentals easily at official docking stations, and for the operators to service the fleet efficiently.

Nextbike, the operators of the OVObike scheme, recommends that a docking station is not more than 1000m from another station, and their experience suggests that, at present Pentyrch would be a bespoke, relatively low use station compared to more central areas. I would note also that as it is quite distant to the current service area, it would put additional stress on the rebalancing team.

Furthermore, following serious vandalism issues on all rental systems across the UK and wider afield, and the resultant high ride levels on the remaining fleet, the focus at present is to build a robust ebike scheme for city areas before starting to consider sites that are further afield. Hence the immediate focus will be on providing more stations in the centre/surrounding areas so the majority of users avoid being fined and the ebikes themselves are more secure.

I would, however, like to reassure you that building a satellite network is something that will be explored at the appropriate time in the future and Pentyrch will certainly be included in that work.

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I trust the above is of assistance but if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caro Wild', with a small flourish at the end.

Y Cynghorydd / Councillor Caro Wild
Aelod Cabinet dros Gynllunio Strategol a Thrafnidiaeth
Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Transport