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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your email of 16 November regarding the proposal for the upgrade of Ash Vale station in your constituency.

I understand that the scheme in question at Ash Vale is intended to be part-funded by Surrey County Council, who propose to contribute £300,000 to support its delivery, and is seen as a local priority investment. My Department continues to discuss funding options with all stakeholders to try and identify solutions to funding projects.

The Spending Review settlement has meant we are continuing to invest at record levels in rail enhancements across England and Wales with increased budgets from 2022-23 to 2024-25, but with a renewed focus on the Midlands and the North, to grow and level up the economy and provide equality of opportunity as we build back better. Although I am unable to discuss individual schemes and stations at this point, we remain committed to publishing the RNEP update which lists all rail infrastructure schemes in the pipeline. We want to provide as much clarity and certainty as possible on rail enhancements and will set out our plans shortly.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP

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