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Mr Gethin George,
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By Email

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Re: X19 Bus Service

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Dear Gethin,

I am writing with regards to concerns that have been raised with me about the X19 bus service.

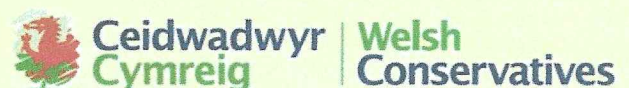
As you will be aware, Llew Jones provide this service which runs between Llandudno and Blaenau Ffestiniog. However, in addition to being of benefit to all communities along the route, it is of even greater importance to those between Betws-y-Coed and Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Given the above, it is with significant disappointment that I write having been advised by constituents that the service is going to be reduced. Whilst the new times have been outlined to me, I would appreciate a confirmation of them from yourself.

Based on the new times my constituent have been made aware of, I understand that the reduced service is likely to cause some serious problems, such as hindering residents from attending the GP surgery in time for a blood test, which I believe has to be undertaken between 10am and midday. Also, I understand that the change will cause difficulties for pupils studying at Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy who wish to travel home to Blaenau Ffestiniog. More so, there is the obvious problem of the reduction in buses contributing to the rural isolation of residents – especially the elderly – living in Dolwyddelan.

Given the above, I would be very grateful if you could kindly:

1. explain why the community has not been consulted and involved in the change before it is implemented and decided.
2. provide figures showing usage of the service to and from all stops south of Betws-y-Coed for the financial years of 2015/16, 2016/17, and 2017/18.
3. state the reasons for the change in bus times.
4. outline whether the local authority will consult the communities affected south of Betws-y-Coed so to ascertain what bus times would be most appropriate going forward.





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I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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