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Janet Richardson

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Dear Janet.

Thank you for your e-mail addressed to Edwina Hart MBE CStJ AM, Minister for the Economy, Science and Transport, dated 26 August. I am responding as this matter falls within my portfolio.

The Cardi Bach bus service has received funding under Axis 3 of the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2014 as part of a wider project called 'Ceredigion: A Better Place to Live'. The aim was to develop the service from a visitor focused transport scheme to a demand led scheme and to assist in encouraging sustainable transport initiatives.

Ceredigion County Council is responsible for managing Axis 3 funding in Ceredigion on behalf of the 'Sustainable Futures Executive Group' Partnership. The 'Ceredigion: A Better Place to Live' project is due to end on 31 December 2014 and cannot have an extension beyond this date due to the end of the current European funding programme.

It is now up to Ceredigion County Council to review the success of the project and to consider the future sustainability of the service.

I would suggest that you contact Ceredigion County Council to discuss their future plans. For further details please contact Gareth Rowlands, Community Regeneration Manager at Ceredigion County Council either by telephone on 01545 572 065 or by e-mail at: gareth.rowlands@ceredigion.gov.uk.

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