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Consultation questions

Question 1 – how would you describe the current condition of the bus and community transport sectors in Wales?

The bus and community Transport sectors in the Community of Rowen where I live is horrendous. In the Short time we have lived here (3 years) we have gone from having an Hourly bus service in both directions to only having what seems to be a random unusable timetimble which in the main only allows travel towards Conwy and not LLanwrst.

The school bus service to Dyffryn Conwy has been completely cancelled and it has meant my son has had to use taxi's to get to school, which is obviously a waste of government monies.

Question 2 – why do you think the number of bus services and the number of bus passengers is declining in Wales?

This maybe due to the lack of funding by the authorities to support the buses and also private companies using this reason to slash/stop altogether, the remaining bus service that we had in place.

Question 3 – what do you think is the social, economic and environmental impact of recent changes in bus and community transport service levels?

I believe that it has had a major effect on the social, economic and environmental impact on the local communities. Older people are unable to get out to do necessary shopping, see friends etc and also younger people are not able to travel outside of school hours for extra clubs, community activities and seeing friends. It is isolating whole villages and communities that will eventually lead to these dying.

Question 4 – what do you think the Welsh Government should do to support bus and community transport in Wales?

The Welsh Government should be supporting the bus and community transport completely and encouraging communities to grow and thrive by allowing for adequate transportation links

Question 5 – what do you think Welsh local authorities should do to support bus and community transport services?

Again, Support wholeheartedly the services required for ALL communities. To me there seems at a local level to be an Agenda so that some communities have hourly transport and some within 1 mile as the crow flies none. This may not seem like a great distance but

With the gradients condition of the roads, it is not safe for people to walk at all times and some people could not manage the route to the bus stop due to age, ill health or disability. Therefore I believe this is discrimination and does not comply with disabled access rights, Which contravenes their human rights.

Will a small amount of common sense all communities could be covered with reasonable services.

Question 6 – what do you think about proposals to devolve bus registration powers to Wales? How should these be used?

I believe this would be a great idea, This would put the money where it is needed most in rural communities. It would enable the transport to be delivered to everyone and not just the ones which benefit the current bus companies

Question 7 – please tell us whether you think further powers to regulate the bus industry in Wales are required and why?

I think that the bus services should be public again and not run by commercial greed companies

Question 8 – what other action can be taken to ensure that bus and community transport services meet the needs of people in Wales?

Common Sense should be used to serve all communities as it is currently not fair how some communities have services above and beyond what is needed, yet other have none.

Please tell us anything else you would like to mention this topic, thank you for contributing to our inquiry.