<u>P-04-574 Bus Services in Burryport - Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee,</u> 17.09.14.

The direct bus service from the Sheltered Accommodation at Tanybryn, Burry Port to Prince Philip Hospital, picking up passengers in Burry Port, Pwll and Llanelli, has been a great loss to the people of these areas.

Residents who once used a bus stop at the complex now have to cross a busy road that is part of the Swansea to Carmarthen bus route.

The elderly, disabled, infirm and the unemployed are groups that rely heavily on public transport in particular for hospital visits.

Residents from these areas also have to use Glangwili Hospital, which is nearly 20 miles away, and again with no direct service.

On top of the original cuts in service the Sunday service to Llanelli from Burry Port has been cut altogether, which is ironic because Prince Philip Hospital now has appointments for patients on Sundays.

Below is the latest data to confirm the points above concerning the affected residents in Burry Port.

Highest proportion of people aged over 45; proportion aged over 65-74 and 75+ higher than the Carmarthenshire average.

☐ Higher proportion than the Carmarthenshire average of people with limiting long-term illness.

The highest level of deprivation attributed to **Burry Port 1** is the Income domain, being ranked 16th in Carmarthenshire and 406 in Wales for this domain. Whilst in **Burry Port 2** the Employment domain is the most prominent both ranking 9th in Carmarthenshire and 223 in Wales. The Employment domain ranks as the highest level of deprivation in **Burry Port 3** ranking 53rd in Carmarthenshire and 861 in Wales.

The social profile information indicates a higher than average level of people in semiroutine occupations (Level 6) and a slightly higher than average number of people who have never worked or are long term unemployed.

It is very much hoped that support for the reinstatement of this service will lead Carmarthenshire County Council recognising how crucial a service this is to the people of Burry Port and its surrounding communities.

Yours Sincerely

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