

P-05-944 Reverse the cuts to commuter train services in North East Wales

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Text of Petition

In recent years commuters along the North Wales Coast have seen a reduction in rush hour train services despite paying some of the highest train fares (when measured per mile) in the UK.

These cuts to services have already resulted in a reduction in the numbers of passengers using North East Wales railway stations as more and more commuters are forced to drive adding to congestion on the A55.

Transport for Wales now plan to cut the only direct evening rush-hour rail service between Bangor and Colwyn Bay, Rhyl, Prestatyn and Flint, the 17:16 service from Bangor. This will force commuters to change trains at Llandudno Junction, where they will have to wait over an hour for a connection.

The cancellation of this train service goes totally against Welsh Government policy in a number of respects:

- 1) It will result in increased greenhouse gas emissions by forcing people from public transport into their cars, at a time of a “climate emergency”.
- 2) It will deny access to Bangor University by those living in some of Wales' most deprived communities.

We therefore call on the Assembly to force a rethink on TfW and to ensure the rail service in North Wales is sufficiently frequent and affordable to encourage commuters off the roads and onto the trains.

Assembly Constituency and Region

- Clwyd West
- North Wales