



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1425  
Ein cyf/Our ref KSNWT/05038/24

Jack Sargeant MS  
Chair - Petitions committee

02 July 2024

Dear Jack,

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 March to my predecessor regarding – “Petition P-06-1425 We ask the Welsh Government to reverse its decision to stop T2 buses calling at Garndolbenmaen”.

We are in the process of further strengthening and improving the TrawsCymru strategic bus network across Wales, which includes the introduction of more reliable and frequent services on key routes, new more environmentally friendly vehicles, simplified and more affordable ticketing arrangements and better information / connections for passengers at key interchanges.

Following discussions with Gwynedd Council, Transport for Wales (TfW) have been made various changes to the TrawsCymru T2 Bangor to Aberystwyth service which has included the introduction of an improved regular clockface timetable throughout the day on this key long distance route, along with the introduction of a more frequent service on Sundays. Based on an examination of passenger demand as part of these changes, Transport for Wales re routed the T2 service to operate via Criccieth and Rhoslan rather than Dolbenmaen and Garndolbenmaen, which are served instead by the new TrawsCymru T22 service which links these two communities with a regular bus service to Caernarfon and Porthmadog.

More affordable and simplified ticketing arrangements are now also offered on both of these routes, and the T22 will be served by a dedicated fleet of new electric vehicles, and the T2 route with new Euro 6 diesel vehicles.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Based on your feedback we have asked TfW to continue to closely monitor these new timetable and service route arrangements, and provide us with an update by the end of July on how services are settling down. We will also consider the petition as part of this work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Drafnidiaeth a Gogledd Cymru  
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