



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1425
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Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 16 October regarding Petition P-06-1425: We ask the Welsh Government to reverse its decision to stop T2 buses calling at Garndolbenmaen.

We appreciate the comments made in the petition and they have been noted.

Transport for Wales have now assumed responsibility for managing the service contract for the TrawsCymru T2 service which links Bangor to Aberystwyth. When Transport for Wales re-tendered the service last year, they agreed with Gwynedd Council that the T2 service would be to re-routed to serve Criccieth rather than Garnolbenmaen. This decision to re-route the T2 service via Criccieth was made to reinstate an important direct regular bus service between Criccieth and Caernarfon / Bangor which was severed several years ago. Prior to this change Criccieth was linked to Caernarfon by a very limited 1R bus service which only operated at certain times of the day. The T2 service now picks up approximately 40 passengers per day in Criccieth.

At the same time, Gwynedd Council introduced the new T22 bus service which links Caernarfon – Porthmadog – Blaenau Ffestioniog, and this service was routed via Garnolbenmaen. The T22 is designed to connect with frequent onward bus connections at Caernarfon and the T2 service at Porthmadog for onward connections. Transport for Wales have confirmed to us that there are on average 8 passengers per day boarding and alighting the T22 service in Garnolbenmaen following the changes, compared to 10 passengers per day on average boarding the T2 service when it used to operate through the village.

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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.

Transport for Wales have assured us that passenger numbers have grown steadily on both routes and that they, nor Gwynedd Council, have any immediate plans to make any changes to the services.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

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