



November 2011

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Petitions Committee of the National Assembly for Wales has received the following petition:

*'We call upon the National Assembly of Wales to urge the Welsh Government to restore and/or improve rail and bus links between Carmarthen in the county of Carmarthenshire and Aberystwyth in the county of Ceredigion.'*

**Questions you may wish to consider in responding**

1. Is the action called for in the petition reasonable and/or feasible?
2. How efficient and frequent are the rail and bus links between Carmarthen and Aberystwyth at present?
3. What aspects, if any, of the services need to be improved?
4. What are the barriers to restoring and/or improving rail and bus links in these areas?

We are interested in receiving views from individuals, groups and organisations on the subject of this petition. These views will be used as evidence by the Petitions Committee in its consideration of the petition.

If you would like to submit evidence, we would be grateful to receive it by 3 January 2012. Further guidance on the submission of evidence is attached.

We would be grateful if you could share this request with other interested parties or, where appropriate, any of your member organisations.

Yours faithfully,

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## **Advice on Submitting Evidence**

- The Committee may call on those who have submitted written evidence to supplement it in oral evidence to the Committee. Please indicate in your response whether you would be prepared to give evidence in person.
- Witnesses should be aware that once written evidence has been submitted to the Committee it is treated as the property of the Committee. Written evidence will be published on the Committee's website, and extracts may subsequently be included in the report.
- The Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data. If you are providing any information, other than personal data, which you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, it is up to you to stipulate which parts should not be published. You should provide a reasoned argument to support this. The National Assembly will take this into account when publishing information or responding to requests for information.
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