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Dear Mr Abromeit,

I am writing in regard to local bus timetables and the Tweedmill Shopping Outlet in St Asaph.

I have received a number of emails from constituents concerned at the decision to remove the bus stop on the Tweedmill site from Arriva's route. These concerns have arisen from Tweedmill itself and also from local residents and groups.

Tweedmill originally paid the council circa £100,000 to put this bus stop in place. The investment had the intended purpose of increasing access to the site for the local community – particularly those who do not drive who would otherwise be unable to enjoy what it has to offer. Naturally, this accessibility has cemented the popularity of Tweedmill as a meeting place and destination for the local community.

As I understand it, Arriva is still proposing to stop in either direction on the A525. However, there are very real concerns that this is not a safe solution for many of those wishing to reach Tweedmill. The alternative stops pose an increased danger to bus users who will have to transverse a road and walk some distance. A number of people who arrive by bus either use a wheelchair or walker.

Groups, such as the Conwy & Denbighshire Multiple Sclerosis Society, have been using Tweedmill as a regular meeting point. With the removal of this bus stop from Arriva's route, it is expected that a number of vulnerable individuals will no longer be able to attend these meetings and will therefore miss out on valuable social interaction.

I would be most grateful for your observations on this matter, and if you could reconsider including Tweedmill on your bus route. I hope to meet the Traffic Commissioner shortly to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Davies'.

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