

Cllr M Sidwell – Mathern Community Council

Question for Monmouthshire County Council in relation to proposed budget cuts for School Transport.

Expecting children as young as 4 to walk for an hour each way from Mathern to their school, along a busy trunk road where the footpath width doesn't allow 2 people to walk side by side for safety, and without safe crossing points on the A48 seems both dangerous and impractical.

Barriers to school transport could result in an additional 25 vehicles each journey on Pwllmeyric hill and Larkfield roundabout, 2 already heavily congested pinch points for Chepstow, resulting in significantly increased congestion and pollution for a town already crippled by such problems.

How do MCC intend to manage their health & safety obligations, environmental impact guidelines, and protect families already struggling with the current cost of living crisis and rising bills?