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Please find my attached submission to the Long Term Plan – submission re buses.  
Please acknowledge receipt of my submission, thanks very much.

Regards

Lyn (Lynette) Bailey.

**22 March, 2018 - From Lynette Bailey, 3 Highcrest Heights, Westmorland, Christchurch 8025.**

Dear Sir/Madam

I find the decision to cancel the Westmorland bus service, without any consultation with residents, or the local Residents' Association here in Westmorland, unfathomable.

The reason Ecan has given for this action, is 'low patronage'. . . . and the reasons we residents see for this is because the service itself, as it currently runs, is flawed. ie:

1/ **INAPPROPRIATE ROUTE**

We do not have the need nor want to get to Eastgate!

Westmorland people young and old alike, need to get to the Central City, Centre Bus Hub, Christchurch Hospital, the zone-designated local schools Cashmere High School, Thorrrington Primary School, and Barrington Mall.

2/ **INAPPROPRIATE SIZE BUSES**

- The small buses are used on the routes at peak times, (after schools) , with a consequence that some pupils are now too afraid to use the overcrowded small buses, along with often being left behind because they are overflowing full.
- The larger buses are running all day long with very few passengers (sometimes empty).
- This make no sense at all and needs to be switched to – large buses at peak times and smaller at offpeak.

3/ **INAPPROPRIATE TIMETABLE**

The regularity of the buses is too often. No need to have so many trips to and from Westmorland during the off peak times. One or even two hours apart during off-peak would suffice. That in itself would be a cost saving.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

As was the original intention before Ecan took over control, now that Penruddock Rise and Ravensdale Rise connect to form a complete circuit... it would make good sense to run the bus up Penruddock and then down Ravensdale, onto Sedgewick way and back out onto Penruddock, which would prevent the current backtracking, all these buses currently do. This would also be a good further passenger catchment from almost half the hill, currently not serviced.

This circuit plan would also avoid the hazardous roundabout at the cnr of Highcrest and Penruddock. Drivers struggle to negotiate this small roundabout sometimes having to make 3 attempts, wrecking the road and footpath as they climb on to that, endeavouring to negotiate the turn.

Lastly, we have a large proportion of elderly in Westmorland, many of whom who use the bus, and as even more stop driving, will be using it more so over time. They are very concerned at this latest announcement.

**A Westmorland bus service will be supported when it takes us to where we want to go, and at the appropriate times.**

Thankyou for the opportunity to make my submission.

Yours faithfully

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