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Please help us Save Our Bus Service

**Bonawe, Benderloch & North Connel
communities are being threatened with
no daily bus service from 6th Feb 2012.**

**These are lifeline services,
not a luxury**

**Campaign details, facebook page and all the ways
to get your concerns to the right people are on
www.ardchattan.org.uk/news**

**Everyone : please send letters / emails
to protect our rural services.**

Argyll and Bute Council propose to remove the scheduled daily bus service from the 9 mile road from North Connel to Bonawe in less than 3 weeks.

Residents will be left with a 2 hour midday slot in Oban on 3 days a week for "appointments and shopping".

The education budget subsidizes the School Bus, but there is no plan to run an alternative morning and afternoon service in the holidays.

It is proposed to stop the Sunday service to Benderloch

There has been NO community consultation at all..

- There are no alternative means of transport - North Argyll Voluntary Car Scheme does not operate here
- This is a lifeline service for anyone who does not drive / who has no car.
- It is a necessity to enable youngsters to participate in after school activities
- Individuals rely on these services entirely or partially for getting to and from work
- Children use the bus to travel between members of their family for childcare.
- Tourists use the bus to go to and from Oban

Consequences of these cuts.

- Increased car movements : raising the carbon footprint, wear and tear on the roads, and increased potential for accidents
- The young people of the area being discriminated against, being deprived of the possibility in engaging in activities like their peers
- Young families moving out of the area
- Less able people or low income families suffering increased isolation.
- Extended members of families denied contact
- Parents may have to change their working patterns to compensate for the loss of family child care