

P-03-315 New Dyfi River crossing – Correspondence from the petitioner to the Committee, 27.05.14

South Meirionnydd Older People's Forum DYFI BRIDGE PETITION

On behalf of our community, I would like you to take into consideration the difficulty that would arise, if the alleged planned route was adopted.

We, who live in South Meirionnydd are dependent on health care provided by Bronglais Hospital in Aberystwyth and with the closure of the existing bridge, when flooded and damaged by large vehicles, we are forced to travel a further 12 mile trip via a small narrow road, which has very few passing places and is also subject to flooding.

I understand that it is hoped to build the new bridge near to the new foot bridge which is acceptable but surely not to come out onto the Newtown road, sending the traffic back into Machynlleth causing one almighty bottleneck as the traffic hit's the original route at the town clock, especially on market days. Long lorries would face the difficulty as before, as they endeavour to turn left to Aberystwyth.

With respect to the Machynlleth Community, they rarely experience difficulty travelling to Bronglais hospital for emergency care, so we in South Meirionnydd feel once again forgotten and not taken into consideration . Our lives are at risk.

Unless further plans to bypass the town on an easterly route, rejoining the A487 south of the Plas/Leisure Centre, providing the fastest road to Bronglais Hospital, we in South Meirionnydded will always feel as we are being treated as second class citizens.

Nevertheless we are delighted that the funding has been allocated and thank the Minister, Edwina Hart, for her positive input, bringing about this much needed road improvement for both lives and livelihoods.

Gwen Stevens
Chairman