

The Chief Executive's Office  
The Driving Standards Agency  
The Axis Building  
112 Upper Parliament Street  
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28 April 2008

Dear Sirs

### **Trowbridge Driving Test Centre**

I am writing to register my strong opposition to the closure of the driving test facility in county town of Trowbridge. The transfer of this facility to Chippenham will cause some very real difficulties for the residents of West Wiltshire and the adjoining districts and has been universally criticised by the community.

I would like to ask what consultation took place prior to your decision and before the public announcement was made?

As landlord, West Wiltshire District Council is quite happy to continue the lease for the driving centre premises after the break point in September and would welcome the opportunity to discuss this point with you.

I would also like to ask if you have considered the carbon footprint that will be generated by vast numbers of learner drivers travelling extra mileage to Chippenham to prepare for and to actually take their driving test?

An early response to my queries would be appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this urgent matter.

Yours faithfully

Graham Payne  
Leader

cc Andrew Murrison MP, Michael Ancram MP

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