

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

**13 September 2011**

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**Public Participation  
Item No. 6 - Denominational Home to School Transport**

**Statement from Elizabeth Sian Bredif**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in response to the subsidised transport to faith schools.

I would just like to add that for us as a family it would really affect us financially if you take away funding.

Both my husband and I work, and would not fall in the category of receiving any help, so we would have to fund the transport ourselves.

This would be a real hardship for us as we do not earn a fabulous wage, I'm sure we are like most people just keeping our heads above the water at the moment.

I have two daughters who attend St Joseph RC primary school in Devizes. Daniele my eldest is currently in year six now, and I have to choose a secondary school for her this month.

I am so wanting for her to go to St Augustine's Collage as does she.

I feel she would flourish in a school that promotes and teaches in our practicing faith, as she has done in her primary school.

While I may struggle to pay for transport for one, I may not being able to fund my youngest daughter in 2 years time.

I am anxious about the safety of my daughter if she has to catch the early morning public transport, as she will have to still walk a bit to get to school. While this may not be a problem say for a year 9 upwards, I feel for a new pupil not familiar to the town it would be frightening.

I am presuming you will be providing some kind of service to transport the children from Devizes to Trowbridge.

Will you have enough seats to transport everybody, as I imagine there will be people catching the same bus for their work.

Please, please, reconsider, this is our children's future, and more personally my children's future who I want to do the very best by.

Yours Sincerely, Mrs E Sian Bredif.