(Insert date)

Dear (insert name of cabinet member),

**Re: The decision to deem the Middlewood Way a “safe” walking route and remove free transport for students travelling to Tytherington School from Bollington**

I am writing to express my concern at the decision of the local council to remove free bus transport for students from the Bollington area having deemed the Middlewood Way to be a “safe” walking route. Please can you respond to me in writing to the following questions below:

1. Do you personally consider the Middlewood Way safe for children to use alone when it in dark?
2. Have *you* walked the Middlewood Way? Will you be accepting Mr Botwe’s challenge to personally walk the route with him?
3. If you had a son or daughter in key stage 3 (aged 11-14), would you let them walk the Middlewood Way alone in the dark?
4. Councillor Michael Jones declared the Middlewood Way unsafe in 2013 and nothing has changed, why is it now “safe”?
5. At a cabinet meeting on Tuesday 14th June, Councillor George Hayes said “children’s safety is not the responsibility of the Council”.  Do you agree with that view?
6. At the cabinet meeting on 14 June why was such a serious issue not discussed at all by cabinet members?
7. At the cabinet meeting on 14 June why were all the serious safety objections to the proposal raised by Councillors and a Headteacher totally ignored by the cabinet?
8. Why do the minutes of the cabinet meeting on 14 June not record the fact that *all* Councillors who spoke were strongly against the proposals on safety grounds?
9. How long have the cabinet known about the proposals? If members knew about the proposals before the agenda was sent out, why has there been no consultation with the key stakeholders?
10. Why was the decision pushed though so quickly without giving parents and schools time to make cabinet members aware of the facts?

Yours sincerely

(insert your name and address)