**The decline of rural buses:**

**A Joint Inquiry by the County APPG and CCN**

**Case study template**

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| The County All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG), in partnership with the County Councils Network (CCN), is undertaking an inquiry into the decline of rural bus services. The findings of the inquiry will culminate in a report that will influence the Government’s National Bus Strategy, and aim to ensure that county, and rural, areas receive a fair proportion of any new funding that is announced.  As part of this, we are keen to hear from as many local authorities and stakeholders as possible who can contribute case studies that will bring the findings of the report to life. We are particularly interested to receive case studies that cover any of the points of reference including:   * quantitative evidence that demonstrates reduced funding and reduced bus services, including frequency of service and number of routes in operation; * qualitative evidence that demonstrates the impact that this has had on social mobility and access to jobs, skills and training opportunities; * innovative schemes or pilots that you or other authorities have adopted that other councils may want to consider – we would also welcome examples from across the wider UK or internationally.   Case studies must be no longer than two A4 sides and fall broadly in the below format provide (although this can be amended to suit local examples). You are not required to complete all aspects of this form. The deadline for case studies is **Friday 15th May 2020**.  Providing a case study will not guarantee its inclusion within the report. However, please note that all case studies will be invaluable for CCN’s advocacy on this area. We may edit the case study for reasons of space, but will make sure that you have the final sign-off. | |
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| **Title of Project** |  |
| **Organisations/Agencies Involved** |  |
| **Overview of Proposals/Project (250 words max)** |  |
| **What is the issue, and why is this important?** |  |
| **Who is impacted by this, and how are they impacted?** |  |
| **How have you or partners been working to resolve this issue?** |  |
| **What outcomes have been achieved by these?**  (e.g. for residents, partners, the Council, Whitehall etc…) |  |
| **What other specific powers, freedoms or incentives could the government introduce/devolve/change to improve local bus services?** |  |
| **Contact Details**  (If we require further detail on your submission) |  |