



Route 130 awaiting departure from Athy with the 06.45 to Dublin via Kilmead and Ballyshannon. However there is no return route 130 journey. Photo © B. Allan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write as a private individual and longstanding regular public transport user.

I believe the brief points hereunder relating to **route 130** have relevance to this consultation:

I wish to respectfully mention the fact that there is no Dublin-Kilcullen-Athy route 130 per se – only a Dublin-Kilcullen route 130.

The Athy to Kilcullen section of route 130 including the intermediate stops at Kilmead and Ballyshannon are only served on an unidirectional basis and only by one journey– the 06.45 ex Athy which continues beyond Naas to Dublin (Mondays to Fridays inclusive). Kilmead and Ballyshannon are served at 06.51 and 06.58 respectively – however there is no return bus.

While there are commercial buses to/from Athy these do not currently accept Leapcard resulting in the notable anomaly whereby one can use Leapcard to make a journey from Athy but not to (return) there. I believe this anomaly in which a subsidised commuter bus runs in one direction but not the other ought to be addressed prior to considering the route for any alternative operating contract to the present.

Note on Fig. 4: With regard to Figure 4 on page 6 the point on the map referred to as Wicklow is in fact Arklow (Wicklow is at the top of the “loop”).

In conclusion I wish to say that I have no wish to criticise and merely wish to see routes made as user-friendly as possible. Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,

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26th November, 2013.