

FULL COUNCIL – 25 NOVEMBER 2015

Written question from Councillor Julie Jones-Evans to Councillor Shirley Smart, Executive Member for Economy and Tourism

“An Island resident has launched a Government petition to legislate making it illegal for suppliers of goods to refuse to distribute their goods to Island UK postal residences. The UK is composed of over 30 inhabited islands, which supply essential goods and services to the UK economy and whilst the UK mainland can enjoy these products and services, the islanders themselves are unable to acquire goods from an increasing number of mainland distribution companies. In the context of the first of the IWC’s corporate priorities **supporting growth in the economy, making the Island a better place and keeping it safe**, how will Cllr Smart engage with this petition which aim is to reduce this discriminatory financial burden on island residents and make the refusal by distribution companies to supply to island postal residences illegal?”

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/113249/sponsors/gc7Ye6OOaLZRIUrURiZA>

Response

I have had a long telephone conversation with the resident referred to in the question and have much sympathy with his position. I have asked for the petition to be promoted on the Council’s website and hope that this will appear there in the next few days. It will also be promoted through the Council’s social media channels.