"Save our courts"

DYFED County Council is writing to the Home Secretary urging him to reject a scheme by the county's magistrates' courts committee which will lead to the closure of five courts.

To make savings on their budget, the committee want to stop using courts at Milford Haven, Narberth, Eglwyswrw, Whitland and, eventually Lampeter.

Ironically, the committee — which uses buildings owned by the county council — had drawn up their proposals in a bid to find savings to comply with county council policy.

The committee recommended that the Milford bench should in future sit at Haverfordwest, the Narberth bench at Haverfordwest or Tenby, the Cemaes bench — now sitting at Eglwyswrw — at Cardigan and the Whitland bench be transferred to St Clears.

The Lampeter bench should continue to sit at the town hall for the time being but move to Aberaeron when court facilities are improved.

Dyfed's county information officer, Mr Gerwyn Morgan, said yesterday that the council felt very strongly on the matter especially regarding the proposed Milford Haven closure.