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The Secretary
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Dear Colin

Petition regarding changes to bus services in Buckingham

Thank you for the petition regarding the recent changes made by Arriva and Buckinghamshire County Council to the 32 and 32A bus routes.

Due to changes in Home to School transport policy and loss of cross boundary support from Milton Keynes Council the amount of subsidy we have available for service 32/32A has reduced by around £40,000 p.a. and in addition bus operating costs have risen sharply due to fuel prices and central government reducing the amount of Fuel Duty Rebate for public transport. The revised timetables which took effect from 23 April sought to balance the amount of travel actually being made by passengers with the resources we have available.

Following the public meeting held on 3Rd April we agreed to revise the proposals and introduce a temporary additional timetable, Service 130 to replace previously withdrawn sections of route. We held a positive meeting with County Councilors, John Bercow and other local representatives in late May and agreed to present revised long term proposals in Buckingham at a drop-in event at 09:00 – 13:00 on June 19th and at a second public meeting at 10:30 on June 21st.

We understand the strength of feeling expressed in Buckingham and hope that our revised proposals will show that we have listened and that the new timetables will represent an acceptable compromise given the financial constraints imposed on us,

Yours sincerely

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