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Dear Mr Wilson

Public consultation on proposed changes to supported passenger transport services and the Concessionary Travel Scheme

Thank you for inviting Rushmoor Borough Council to comment on the proposals.

It is disappointing that you are proposing cuts to three bus services in the context of draft LTP4 which seeks to reduce dependency on the private car and the Transport for South East SIP which seeks to improve cross county links. Your proposals will make Dial-a-Ride, Call & Go and Taxishare less affordable too. Together, these cuts will disproportionately affect people with disabilities and on low incomes in a borough with some of the highest rates of deprivation in the county. It seems unfair also that you have relied on changes in passenger numbers between 2019/20 and 2021/22 as the basis for making savings when vulnerable people would not have used these services due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

You have not made clear what levels of changes are proposed to the three local bus services (Routes 7, 9 and 41) the county supports (Proposal 1). A reduction in support for Bus Route 41 could in turn result in further cuts from Surrey County Council. Please will you clarify what investment you will continue to make towards this service given the direction of travel of draft LTP4.

Yours sincerely

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