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10 August 2023

Dear Nik,

Further to the Combined Authority's letters to me dated 13 July 2023 and 8 March 2023, I am writing to you regarding bus services.

Firstly, regarding the £2.3 million additional bus funding the UK Government has made available to our region, you mentioned in your July letter that the Combined Authority was waiting for confirmation from the Department of Transport on any Terms and Conditions connected to this funding and timelines. Please could you let me know if there has been any update on this?

Secondly, as you know, I have been a keen advocate for improving bus services in my constituency for many years, from pressing the Combined Authority for new services for my constituents, to fighting to protect local bus routes following Stagecoach's decision to axe or significantly alter 23 bus routes across our region last October.

This includes pressing both the Combined Authority and Stephenson's to reinstate the Bottisham stop on the Number 11 bus route. I was pleased that earlier this year the Combined Authority changed its position on this matter and has entered into discussions with Stephenson's to examine the options further. In Anna Smith's letter to me on this matter, dated 8 March 2023, she mentioned that Combined Authority officers continue to engage with Stephenson's and as a next step, they were planning on re-examining the data. Please could you provide an update on their progress?

Whilst I continue to be grateful to Stephenson's for stepping in last October after Stagecoach withdrew services, I do not accept the basis Stephenson's has put forward for opposing a Bottisham stop. Ultimately, a stop here would not make the Number 11 service a threat to the Number 12 service given they follow different routes.

Therefore, if Stephenson's continue to oppose this change, I would urge the Combined Authority to make reinstating the Bottisham stop a condition when the services are put out for tender again next year.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lucy Frazer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'L' and 'F'.

Lucy Frazer MP