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PLEASE ASK FOR: SUSAN SMITH

Tuesday 5th July 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

I write on behalf of Matlock Town Council.

Re: Reduction in Transpeak Bus Services

The Council writes to object, in the strongest possible terms, to the significant reduction in Transpeak bus services from 10th July, meaning there will only be one bus running daily between Matlock and Derby. It has received communications from many local residents who are very concerned about the loss of this vital service.

It will have a significant effect on residents in Matlock, many of whom rely on the Transpeak to take them to work or school on a daily basis. The bus is used by those who travel regularly to Belper or Derby for shopping or other leisure activities, or to access the Babbington or Derby Royal hospitals.

The Council has also received representations from residents who live in Cromford and Whatstandwell. The loss of the Transpeak bus means these areas will effectively be cut off and have no bus service at all. This will have a significant effect on these communities, many residents of whom are older and do not have access to private cars. This bus service is relied upon to allow people to attend medical appointments and many people use it on a daily basis. It will also impact on local businesses in these areas in particular.

The loss of the bus service will also have a significant effect on tourism in the Derwent Valley, since the Transpeak is promoted as a sustainable way to visit this World Heritage Site and many people use it for this purpose, as well as to access to walking routes in the Dales.

Lastly, the Council is very concerned by the lack of public consultation in making this decision, which affects thousands of residents in several towns and villages in Derbyshire and the city of Derby itself. It calls upon High Peak buses to reconsider this decision as a matter of urgency.

Town Clerk – Susan Smith

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Yours faithfully

S. C. Smith.

Susan Smith
Town Clerk

- c.c. Dean Jones, Derbyshire County Council
- c.c. Hayley Marshall, Derbyshire County Council
- c.c. Sarah Dines MP
- c.c. The following Town and Parish Councils: Matlock Bath, Cromford, Crich, Dethick Lea and Holloway, Wirksworth, Alderwasley, Ripley, Belper, Duffield and Derby City Council