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Mr Andrew Barrett-Miles  
Chairman  
Environment, Community & Fire Select Committee

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Dear Mr Barrett-Miles

**Environment, Communities and Fire Select Committee – Bus Strategy  
2018 - 2026**

At its meeting on 13 June 2018, the Committee noted the draft Bus Strategy 2018-2026 and the consultation results and made the following comments:

- Questioned how the success or failure of actions would be measured and suggested the use of KPI's to measure actions and outcomes, and highlighted a need to influence changing behaviours for bus patronage. A big part of the issue was fare prices, road congestion and infrastructure. These points would be taken back to the TFG for further discussion, along with looking at how changing behaviours in bus usage could be influenced.
- Highlighted the loss of the 3in1 card for young people and questioned how those in education were transported; suggesting the possibility of a West Sussex prepayment card such as an Oyster card, cross ticketing or half priced bus fares for 16 to 18 year olds. Also greater use of buses for local employees subsidised by employers.
- Requested more detailed elaboration on 'Action 6' of the report in relation to developer funding and that the funding was more actively pursued for public transport infrastructure to secure benefits for fare reduction. Also 'Action 12' was welcomed, but with a request to add the wording 'seeks to prioritise those in full time education or apprenticeships'.
- Suggested that the Bus Strategy should be part of the overall Integrated Transport Policy and requested that the possibility of new services was "toned down" where they would be clearly impossible to achieve. It was also requested that the strategy takes account of the impact of any changes to minibus licensing arrangements.

I would like to assure the Committee that all of the above comments will be taken into account before the Bus Strategy is finalised.

Yours sincerely

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