



HOUSE OF COMMONS

Alternative Service Providers

I have also been exploring the possibility of another bus company either rerouting their existing services to cover Barrow and Sibley or creating a new service to Leicester. I have put both these proposals to Centrebus and Arriva and asked for a meeting to discuss them in more detail.

Demand Responsive Transport

Demand Responsive Transport is a pre-booked taxi or minibus service offered by Leicestershire County Council, which allows those who live more than 800 metres from a bus stop to book transport to take them to a location where they can join the bus or other public transport network. The cost of this service is no more than the cost of a bus ticket would be for the same journey and bookings can be made up to 5pm the day before travel.

As the DRT usually only takes passengers to one place, I have contacted Leicestershire County Council to ask whether the service could be expanded to allow eligible passengers to be taken to either Sibley village centre, if they would like to head towards Loughborough, or Birstall Park & Ride, if they would like to head towards Leicester. I will, of course, keep you updated on their response.

In any case, while this is not a replacement for the No.2 bus, I wanted to make you aware that the service exists, should you need it. If you would like more information, please do get in touch.

I hope that this update is helpful and I would like to assure you that I will continue to press for the No.2 bus route to be reinstated or an alternative found.

Best wishes,

Jane Hunt MP