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**From:** Jenkins [rj.jenkins@zen.co.uk]  
**Sent:** 30 March 2010 11:05  
**To:** Purssell, Nigel  
**Subject:** Connexions Bus Service No. 21

Dear Sir

I live in Appleton Roebuck and am extremely grateful for the Connexions Bus Service No. 21 which now takes us all the way into town (and not just to Askham Bar) and out again. However, since November the return route diverts the bus just before it reaches Appleton Roebuck and takes it via Copmanthorpe (a village already very well served by buses, not least the buses which run from York to Leeds at very regular intervals) and then back along the narrow lane via Colton and then via Bolton Percy. The whole journey takes just over an hour.

Frankly, I dread the return journey on the bus. You get to within 5 minutes of Appleton Roebuck but then have to face another 30 minutes covering the tortuous route indicated above. I travel on the bus on different days and at different times and have never seen anyone get on or off the bus in or near Copmanthorpe. There was a rumour that the bus diversion was to meet the needs of someone living on Temple Lane. Is it possible they have either moved or decided to us a car instead?

I have frequently been tempted to get off the bus as it diverts and walk the last stretch (just over a mile and a half) home. However, that road has several bends and many stretches have no verge for pedestrians to jump on to, to get out of the way of cars.

Furthermore, the lane between Copmanthorpe and Colton is really not suitable for buses, being narrow with a number of sharp bends. I am full of admiration for the bus drivers who are endlessly patient about pulling in the make room for other vehicles. It is, however, sad that local cyclists have had to delete this road from one of their normal circuits because they feel it is now too unsafe for a cyclist.

Please can you reconsider the revised routing for the No. 21 which was, I think, intended as a trial only? The current return journey from town is truly grim and I fear that because of it we will all eventually succumb to the temptation to drive to the the Askham Bar Park & Ride, the parking for which is already inadequate in the Summer months and school holidays.

Should I send this email as a letter too, or will this email be sufficient to register my feelings?

Additionally I should like to make a plea for a bus to run from here to Tadcaster, even if only occasionally. Tadcaster is where there is a user-friendly supermarket (unlike the Tesco Superstore), a swimming pool and a gym and a library, all essentials to modern life! You may not be the person to ask about this – do you know who I should contact?

I do so hope there can be an amendment to the York-Appleton Roebuck route, it would make the bus service much more viable for people who live in Appleton Roebuck/Bolton Percy/Colton.

Yours faithfully

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