

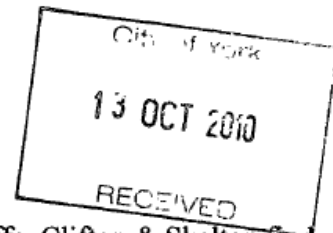
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you as once again the residents of Rawcliffe, Clifton & Skelton find themselves threatened with even more cuts to the bus services in their local area. For the last two weeks we have had petitions in a few of the local places to collect names of just a few of those who are concerned about these cuts. Please find copies of these sheets enclosed.

Many of these residents do not have the luxury of using cars if the buses stop running as we do not own cars. We totally rely on the bus services to this area. We chose to live in this area because at the time there was a good bus service, both during the day and in the evenings. Over the last few years these have been drastically cut and we find ourselves in the position of having almost no bus services to the area in the evening.

Although there is, at present, one bus that still operates a service between York city centre and Easingwold in the evening we understand that this is to be cut in April. This bus runs at 9.15pm on the weekday evenings and on Friday & Saturday evenings also at 11.15pm. This provides a real lifeline for those people relying on public transport and wishing to still have an active social life. Without it we would not be able go to the theatre, meet with friends, attend talks, lectures, committee meetings or evening classes as we do not have other means of getting to and from the city without a bus service. Most of us cannot afford taxis on a regular basis.

I thought that the Government initiatives were trying to encourage people to use public transport more and use their cars less. Is this no longer the case? If it is true then how can this be possible if our local transport is being cut and local buses are to be reduced even more. We actually would like to see the hourly service brought back to the area rather than see even more cuts that would leave us without any buses at all to our area. There used to be an hourly bus service in the evenings bus this was cut two years ago. Our needs for an adequate bus service remain the same as they always

were, namely that we would like to have one bus an hour during the day and the evenings.

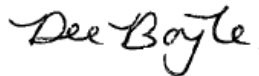
We urge you to use your powers of negotiation and take part in these discussions that are under consideration to cut the bus services. Please try to influence them to not only stop the proposed cuts but to actually reinstate an hourly bus service in the evenings. Surely we are not asking too much by this request are we?

Please do not tell us that it is all part of the cuts that have to take place at present to help with overspending and to save vital funds for other things. This is part of our vital lifeline that we are talking about and without it you are condemning us to staying in our homes every evening. We have already had many cuts in the services so please do not ask us to have even more. We have already been hit in the past and had to suffer greatly by some of the cuts but you cannot expect us to accept these proposed latest transport cuts without trying to fight. We are all council tax payers to the City of York Council and yet we do not seem to receive our fare share of the public transport that is meant to be provided by our taxes. The visitors to York seem to gain far more benefits from the transport system than we do. Why should the residents have to suffer from lack of adequate bus services while the visitors get a Park & Ride service that is suitable for their needs?

I write as one of the concerned residents of this local area I urge you to act on our behalf try to preserve our local bus services and not cut them even further.

I look forward to hearing from you once you have spoken to the relevant people and been in discussions with them.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dee Boyle".

Dee Boyle

Copies to:

Julian Sturdy, MP for York Outer

Hugh Bailey MP for City of York

Director of Integrated Passenger Transport, North Yorkshire County Council

MORE BUSES NEEDED – NOT MORE CUTS

We, the undersigned, are concerned that there are to be further cuts to the bus services in our area. Over the last two years buses in our area have been drastically cut to the extent that there are now no evening services to certain areas. We understand that the one remaining bus service may also to be stopped and that along with it the Sunday services may also be cut. We want to let the local council know how much we are against these proposals for even more cuts. We would like the evening services to be increased – not cut and would also like the Sunday services to remain in place, especially on the bus routes between York, Clifton, Rawcliffe and Skelton. We do not feel that it is right to have excellent services for visitors to York on the Park & Ride routes (not usually local council tax payers) at the cost of cutting the local bus services for the residents and council taxpayers. We need more buses – not more cuts.

Name

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