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Good morning!

When we first moved to Northwood over nine years ago I could take the bus from Northwood Boulevard and travel directly to the places I would visit most frequently: Christchurch City Centre, Merivale and Redwood Library. For the past few years I now have had to (a) change at Northlands or (b) walk down to the Main North Road and catch the B or, more recently, the 95. All this adds to the time and inconvenience of using the bus - at least for the first two places I mentioned. This is one of the reasons that bus travel in our area has declined

As for going to the library, my only options for public transport now (the bus used to go direct) are to walk down to the Main North Road to catch the direct service or to take the 108, travel one stop and then cross the road to catch the B or the 95.

I have the use of a car, but I prefer to use the bus for environmental reasons. However, for the short journey to the library the bus is now out of the question when you consider the time it would take to use public transport.

I am still in good health and have no problem physically with walking one kilometre to the Main North Road, as I would have to do if the 108 does not run any more, but I am 72 and that may well be a reason for me to stop using the B or the 95 as I get older.

As for the 107: this is the only bus serving Willowbank. How are non-car hiring tourists going to get there in the future?

A further consideration as regards the 108: there is an extensive building project under way on Cavendish Road. Many of the homes there will be for older people. There is potential business in the very near future.

I do strongly urge you to continue a service for Northwood, even if it means amalgamating the 107 and 108 with a possible extension to the City Centre.

Yours sincerely,

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