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Public Transport Comments

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I am absolutely appalled that you are considering abolishing the routes you have suggested. This is an ageing city where public transport is becoming increasingly necessary and you talk about reducing services. The key word here is "service". When did this drop from your vocabulary? As far as the two routes to Northwood are concerned, 107 and 108, firstly, why on earth not combine them? This has been suggested on several occasions but has been completely ignored. Secondly, this area has a larger than usual number of older adults living here so there is obviously a reason the buses are not being used fully. Perhaps it is as simple as looking at the type of bus that is usually servicing these routes. For older adults to have buses that do not kneel is just plain stupid. Then to have so little leg room, well words fail me. They are OK for children but not many adults can get their legs in. Maybe men can but not many women sit with their legs splayed apart. I am 5' 8" tall and the seat space is short by at least 100mm. I know there are the side seats but in most cities these went out years ago because no one likes being thrown around while traveling, especially when you have arthritis. Anyway there are not enough of them. Maybe this suggests the sex of the designers??? And thirdly, while mostly older adults might live here, there are still some young families. You put a pram on the bus and no one can get past it. What an idiotic decision. I know these three reasons are why my husband and I have stopped using the bus. If proper buses were provided on these services we would still be using them and would probably go back to using them.

Action officer

Len Fleete

Submission Summary

Appalled that you are considering abolishing the routes you have suggested. Suggests combining routes 107 and 108. Also suggests buses that kneel for the older population and more leg room. When prams are on buses no one can get past them