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Transport and Urban Development Support/Oppose

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Transport and Urban Development Comments

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ECAN talk of having an accessible, affordable, integrated, safe, resilient and sustainable transport system for Canterbury, yet are set to axe the only two routes that service Northwood subdivision – 107 and 108.

The low user levels may be factual but the social effects of the service do actually represent just that – a social service and not something that can be looked at in terms on numbers of bums on seats and to stop access to public transport is simply not acceptable.

Much is being invested in bus routes on the roads down Main North Road, yet here you are stopping the buses. The reasons why there is low occupancy needs addressing – not simply axing the routes.

Not everybody in Northwood has access to a car all of the time. Personally, the current routes mean a 1km walk to the bus stops – already ‘a fair distance’, but under the proposed cuts, the closest would be the B line – how can this be described as accessible? it is a 2 km walk to the bus stop!!

My child who gets the bus from St Bedes can cope with this when he needs to, though carrying school bag, sports bag and a saxophone this distance can be challenging !! - there will be many older people who simply cannot manage this distance.

The rates 'take' in the Northwest suburbs is not insignificant - the bus service however is one social area where this suburb needs some payback, and if that means an element of subsidy - so be it, Northwood simply needs a bus service. To axe both without any adjustments to other routes is not acceptable. If changes have to be made then look to at least keep one suitably adjusted service into Northwood run at peak times, and less regularly others.