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Public Transport Options

Public Transport is one of the programmes in the Transport and Urban Development portfolio. For the first year of the Long-Term Plan 2018-28 we are proposing changes to the Public Transport programme as outlined in the **Consultation Document**.(on page 14)

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Please review the options in the Consultation Document and indicate which option you support: Option 4 – none of the above. (Please provide comment/ideas for an alternative solution)

Public Transport Comments

Please provide any comments.

I am writing as a 20yr resident of Westmorland, I am opposed to the removal the bus service from Westmorland. This is being proposed without any consultation. As a long standing member of the local residents association I am amazed at the arrogance of Ecan suggesting they stop the the bus service without consultation or consideration. Over the years the residents association has had discussions with Ecan regarding problems with the bus service, including bus routes, timetables, unsuitable buses.

Years ago Ecan told us that when the Westmorland subdivision was further developed and there was a ring road around the top part of the hill they would send the bus around the subdivision instead of turning at the Penruddock/Highcrest roundabout. This would put the bus route closer for a lot more

residents and enable the large buses that cannot navigate safely the Penruddock/Highcrest Roundabout to be used safely

Another way to make the service profitable would be to use the popular smaller buses at off peak times. The current services is indiscriminate as to what bus comes. It is unacceptable having small buses over crowded with school children when a big bus would handle the numbers. Recently there have been reports of students refusing to get on overloaded small buses and waiting for the next bus or their parents driving to get them. Equally it is ridiculous have the big bus's thundering around off peak times with one or 2 passengers

The main reason the bus service is under utilised is the routes. Having a bus with Bromley or Eastgate on it , doesn't inspire residents to find out where the bus goes.

Most Residents want and would use routes heading to town, for work, schooling, evening and weekend entertainment. Prior to the earthquakes we had a wonderful service directly to the middle of town, it went past Barrington mall. It was possible to get to and from town in 15-30 minutes.

The current bus service to town involves changing buses each way, while the ingoing buses connect well the return trip again 2 or 3 buses can take in excess of an hour which is totally unacceptable at the end of a day when it used to be 30minutes

in summary please consult with the residents of Westmorland as I am sure patronage would increase with more practical routes and appropriate bus sizes. I note in an Ecan report prior to Christmas 2017 97% of bus users were happy with the current situation.!! What about the rest of the potential users??