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I wish to oppose the discontinuation of bus route no. 107. I am an older person, I list my reasons below:

I do not drive and need to have this bus service which is easily accessible to my residence, even being accompanied by a helping friend.

In Northwood, we have no doctor or pharmacy at all in our suburb. A pharmacy is often needed, not just for prescriptions but many other needs also. A pharmacist can often recommend help with advice and over the counter products. We need skin care, child care products, gifts, toiletries that are unavailable in the supermarket, etc, etc. Going to Northlands mall is the easiest way to get to a pharmacy from here.

The Mall is helpful when gifts are needed.

I do a lot of sewing and need to get to an outlet for all the necessary products to allow me to continue this positive activity. There is no such shop within walking distance of my home.

To walk to the blue bus stop would entail about a 15 min walk and to cross a busy main road. This would happen in reverse on the return journey. An extra half hour walking and also waiting for buses adds unnecessary stress to my trip to a mall. I would find it hard to accomplish all this plus the walk in the shopping area also. Inclement weather would be an added problem.

Sometimes I walk to the Supa Centre but, being tired, I am glad to get the 107 bus home.

The 107 bus is the only public transport to Willowbank Wildlife Reserve. How will people be able to visit that place - parents and children on holiday, holiday visitors to Christchurch from other parts of our country, overseas visitors, students, etc.

This bus service prevents seniors or disabled people from becoming isolated and housebound.

A new retirement complex is being built in Cavendish Road and I am sure residents there will be glad to have the 107 bus available. I believe that some villas are already occupied there.

I do not wish to have my name made public. Thank you.