

In a WNC press release dated 15th March it was announced that, jointly with Oxfordshire CC, the council will make arrangements with Stagecoach West to fund bus service 200 on its current timetable until 27 August. Cllr Phil Larratt, Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, Highways and Waste stated, 'This will give us time to carry out a wide-ranging review of bus services right across West Northamptonshire, in order to find solutions that will offer the best possible outcomes for our communities.'

We are interested in Cllr Larratt's **wide-ranging review of bus services right across West Northamptonshire**. We would like to know whether local communities are being given the opportunity to take part in the review. The Governance and Reviews section of the WNC Draft Enhanced Bus Partnership Plan (January 2022) states that this will happen 'in any review'.

As Cllr Larratt refers to the review as 'wide-ranging' we believe it will include consideration of the D2 that serves Braunston. This service has been reduced to the lowest number of journeys the village has ever experienced. Buses run at inconvenient times for holders of concessionary passes to go shopping in Daventry. The journey time has been substantially increased; the 3 mile journey from the village to the town centre which formerly took 10 minutes, now takes 30 minutes and the route has been cut back in Rugby and no longer continues to the rail station, so it does not provide integrated public transport. These factors are disincentives to use the service and public transport in general.

We note that the WNC Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and the Enhanced Partnership Scheme classify the D1/D2 as an Inter-Urban Tier 1 service (half-hourly) and the 200 as a tier 2 service (hourly).

- How is the wide-ranging review of bus services being carried out and how are local communities being consulted?
- Will the review take account of the service classifications in the BSIP that are referred to above?

Thank you

Alan Mawer, Alan Morgan, Abigail Campbell, David Cary, Tony Renshaw and 25 other members of Braunston Climate Action Network, residents of Braunston and Crick Ward.