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Dear Mr de Sousa,

I chair a working party set up by Abingdon Town Council to review our bus services. You may remember we tried a zoom meeting back in March, but the technology defeated me. Our working party has had a couple of meetings since, and have identified 4 main issues:

1. Are there parts of the town that are currently underserved, or are likely to become so given the many new housing developments?
2. Could there be a role for smaller buses, which can operate within the narrow confines of some housing areas?
3. Are there times of day that are currently underserved in some areas?
4. The placing and condition of our bus stops and shelters.

To be more specific, to date our main concern under each heading has been:

1. 12 Acre Drive is currently not served by buses, and there is a lot of new building in the area. (One of our members has suggested extending route 41 to address this). Also the Peachcroft area would benefit from an extended service.
2. In Caldecott for example, there is potential demand for buses, but currently they do not go past the shops or the health centre.
3. Route 41 is supported by the Town Council. We are pleased to see that use of this service has grown steadily since the setback of Covid, but the hours that it runs are very limited. Again, from Caldecott the first bus is at 9.44 and the last is at 14.34.
4. We are planning a survey of existing bus stops. One question is whether they have seats, and if not, should they and could they have them? This depends on the width of

the pavement, and we wondered if there was a standard way of determining whether a shelter with seats or a shelter without them would fit.

Finally we would like to pursue the point I raised earlier about a bus map for the Abingdon area similar to the one that you produce for Didcot.

We are keen to hear your views on these, and any other points that you may wish to raise with us, and would be happy to meet on line or in person.

With best wishes, yours sincerely,

Cllr Colin Sanderson
Chair, Town Infrastructure committee and Bus usage working party