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Mr Steve Delaney
Councillor for Kingswell/Sheddocksley
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Dear Councillor Delaney

Thank you for your e mailed letter of 28 September. I noted that you also released the letter. My PS advised you that it would be later this week before any reply was sent to you.

Prior to receipt of your letter I had become very aware of the concerns being raised in Aberdeen concerning possible changes to bus routes and, in particular, that to Kingswells. By happenstance I saw the MD of First Group UK Bus yesterday at a conference and we spoke about Aberdeen. First are very keen to consult on all of this and other road use changes in the city. Thus, there will not be an application to withdraw this service meantime. However, as you know there is a "use it or lose it" aspect to bus provision and level of passenger use will remain an issue for First in the consultations to follow.

Given your strong interest in bus use in the city can I exhort you to support any measures which might relieve congestion and allow buses to move more freely and thereby secure punctuality and reliability in the City? The one power I do have over bus companies such as First is to require them to be punctual and reliable. With winter approaching I hope that Aberdeen's buses can run to time. Waiting at a cold bus stop is not so nice.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely