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Dear Ms Wathen

Retendering Bus Services

Thank you for your letter of 13 June 2012 regarding re-tendering of local bus services.

As you are aware, I have taken a close interest in bus services in Marchwood since I attended a meeting in the village hall when the commercial operator decided to completely withdraw the services which had run through the village for many years.

You will recall that I made funding available for a Monday to Saturday daytime service, and in response to requests at the meeting, evening and Sunday journeys on a trial basis. Funding for evening and Sunday services was only discontinued last year as part of the countywide Bus Subsidy Review which followed a £55 million cut in Government funding.

The evening and Sunday journeys had not been as well used as I was led to believe that they would be, but I note your comments with regard to the current re-tendering of services. If tenderers are able to submit bids for

additional journeys at no extra cost to the budget whilst maintaining the same level of daytime service there may be some opportunity for some extra

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journeys to be provided. This will only be known once tenders are received and evaluated.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Melville Kendal
Executive Member for Environment and Transport