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Dear Sir William

I refer to a letter and petition dated 24 March 2017, on behalf of your constituents to protect the bus service for Clayton Village or appeal for a reduced service.

Once officers at the County Council were notified of the planned service changes a number of discussions ensued to explore service options, especially in relation to the planned change to route 72. This culminated in a meeting held with First Potteries, Councillor Sweeney and Mrs Bennett on Thursday 30 March 2017. The County Council was represented at this meeting by a transport officer.

Following detailed discussion on the business position of First Potteries and the viability of service 72, they agreed to review the proposed schedule and routeing to evaluate if the service could be reconfigured to meet the needs of Clayton Village residents. This evaluation will be completed week commencing Monday 3 April 2017 and the outcome will be advised to all partners. The service option review will be undertaken by First Potteries set against their financial and operational framework. During the meeting there was wider discussion on public transport provision and legislative frameworks.

I trust that as a result of the ideas explored at the meeting, a revised service shape may be developed by First Potteries, which meets residents travel option needs and aspirations.

Yours sincerely



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