

David Redgewell – Written evidence (TTS0061)

Please find enclosed evidence from South west transport Network and Railfuture Severnside.

Dorset catch the bus campaign.

Somerset catch the bus campaign.

Devon and Cornwall catch the bus campaign.

Gloucestershire catch the bus campaign.

with help for option 24 7

Bristol disability equalities forum.

For South west England on Bus back better the National bus strategy bus service improvements plans and enhanced quality partnerships and the 19 bus service recovery grant. and William Grant Shapps Great Britain railways Report.

whilst we welcome the £ 25 .3 million pounds a week in England to keep bus services operating then for October 2021 to April 2022 .£226 .3 with a further £150 million pounds of Bus service recovery grant linked to the bus service improvements plan and enhanced quality partnerships.

Many South west transport Authorities have put together good bus service improvements plans engaging with passengers Groups across the Region. from the west of England mayoral combined Transport Authority and Mayor Dan Norris and North Somerset council working together on a sub region bus service improvements plan. of course North Somerset council needs to join the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority.

The mayor is holding a passengers forum on 22nd March 2022 in Paulton Somerset.

But despite Mayor Norris calling for certainty on covid 19 bus service recovery grant in November 2022 some services have been lost with 33 services change and reductions.

The west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council have put reserved money into keep bus services operating for the benefit of the economy access to employment education and health care

Key services have been keep operating such as the 178 Radstock Westfield Midsomer Norton Paulton Timbury marksbury, keynsham ,Bristlington ,Arnos vale ,Bristol Temple meads and Bristol bus and coach station service 6 days a week. provide by First group west of England buses.

city services in Bath Somerset number 8 .Bath transport interchange bus and coach station to Kingsway.

provide by First group west of England buses.

cross boundary routes From Bath spa bus and coach station to Bradford on Avon Trowbridge Westbury Warminster with connections from Warminster to Salisbury with Wiltshire council.

X4 services has been maintained by North Somerset council to between Bristol bus and coach station and the commuter and Somerset seaside town of Portishead. via Pill provided by First group west of England buses. and Along with a Town services operated by stagecoach west Also subject to bid to reopen the Bristol Temple meads to Portishead railway line as metro west.

by the Mayor of the west of England Dan Norris leader of North Somerset council Don Davies and Bristol city council and local MPs and Passengers groups. But both Portishead Town council and stakeholder are unhappy. As is Ashton vale near Bristol which has no Evening or Sunday service on route 23 to Bristol city centre. it used to have a services to 8 weeks ago

Bus service in Weston super mare Somerset on town services have been reduced to 2 hourly on main routes.

Although a 6 .8 million pounds new bus and coach station has opened in the Town and 27 brand new buses are provided have been purchased for the Weston super mare to Bristol city centre and bus and coach station. x1 x2 x5 x6 Clevedon and Portishead to Bristol x7 x8 Nalsea to Bristol bus and coach station.

This is part of Bristol city centre clean air Zone for later this year Brought in by city mayor Malvin Rees.

The mayor Dan Norris has also a number of Bus coach and sustainable transport corridor and as part of city region transport fund

Bath spa bus and coach station to Peasdown St john Radstock Midsomer Norton Paulton Shepton mallet and wells bus and coach station. A367

2 Street Glastonbury wells bus station Chewton Mendip Farrington Gurney Clutton pensford Whitchurch Hengrove Knowle Bristol Temple meads and Bristol bus and coach station A37 .

both corridor are in Somerset bus service improvements plan in the same transport corridor is the Stockwood Hengrove Knowle Bristol Temple meads station, Bristol Cabot circus ,city centre, park street ,Clifton Down station, Westbury Henleaze Southmead Brenty ,Henbury and Cribbs causeway bus and coach station.

A37 A4018 and connects with the metro west Bristol Temple meads Lawrence hill, Stapleton road, Ashley Down station Filton Abbey wood Filton North Henbury for Cribbs causeway railway services as part of metro west with a loop to Avonmouth.

Bristol bus and coach station, Bristol Temple meads station Arnos vale Bristlington, keynsham, Salford Newbridge, Weston and Bath spa bus and coach station. metro bus proposal and Then mass transit system. A4 and light rail system to Bath and South Bristol and Airport.

Bristol bus and coach station to Yate bus station and chipping Sodbury.
Bristol bus and coach station to Thornbury corridor. A38
Bristol to Pill and Portishead. A369
A370 Bristol bus and coach station to Weston super mare new bus and coach station interchanges

Bristol bus and coach station to Nailsea and Clevedon.
A38 Corridor Bristol bus and coach station and Bond street via Bristol Temple meads to Bristol Airport Churchill East Brent, Bridgwater Taunton Wellington Cullompton Exeter Newton Abbott and Plymouth coach station.
The scheme from Bristol to Brent knoll.

work is also progressing on mobility hubs Transport interchanges.
some of temporary hubs need improvements at Bristol cherry garden s
Henbury crow lane
Avonmouth Portway.
Bath Grand parade.
Portishead town centre.

Bus and coach station in Greater Bristol and Bath spa city region
At Cribbs causeway bus station
Bath spa bus and coach station.
needs improvements to waiting facilities toilets including disabled facilities Travel centre Tourist information offices.
Bristol bus and coach station
Travel centre and Tourism information centre.
Tourist information offices restaurants.
Yate bus station real-time information passengers information shelters.
Uwe bus and coach station passengers information waiting facilities
Weston super mare new bus and coach station real-time information displays.
Thornbury high street and Rock street bus interchanges facilities shelters real-time information systems shelters litter bins seating fully disabled access.

All need CCTV cameras seating real-time information systems shelters and lighting except cherry garden Bitton.
which need lighting and CCTV.
But the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority and North Somerset council need revenue support for bus services and local coach services from the Department for transport bus services recovery grant services levels are between 59 % and 65 % of pre covid 19 levels.
so even with marketing of bus, coach and rail services.
Deep cleaning and cleaning programme to win people back to public transport.
and supported services from the Transport levy of the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority on Bristol city council, South Gloucestershire council and Bath and North east Somerset and joint working with North Somerset council.

we will need revenue support for buses past October 2022 not just bus service improvements plans and enhanced quality partnerships.

The metro mayor west of England mayoral combined transport Authority need full precepts powers and all public transport staff transferred to from Bristol city

council Banes council, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire council and western gateway transport Board to the west of England mayoral combined transport Authority

in Somerset county council area
soon to be a unity Transport Authority
we have a bus service improvements plan and enhanced quality partnership with an Advisory Board and passengers forum.

Somerset county council provides Town city and rural bus services but without Evening and Sunday services.

and not all county routes have Saturday services.
Somerset maintain an hourly and 90 minute services on some routes 6 days a week with services in Bridgwater Taunton, Frome and Yeovil as Town services.
country bus Network from Taunton Town centre to Minehead. first bus 28 Day time evening and Sunday.

Taunton to Wellington Day time evenings and Sundays 22
Taunton to Bridgwater and Burnham on sea via Highbridge. 21Day time Evenings and Sundays

for Weston super mare 20 Monday to Saturday.
54 Taunton to Yeovil bus station.
Monday to Saturday.

29 Taunton to Glastonbury street wells bus station every 90 minutes connections at wells bus and coach station for Bristol and Bath.
Taunton to chard 30 and 99 .

services 30 extends to Axminster station for Lyme Regis, Bridport bus and coach station Dorchester and Weymouth.
25 Taunton to Dulverton.

Somerset west and Taunton council owned a bus and coach station but need investment Part owned with first group plc .

After passengers groups pressure and local councillor and MPs

Somerset county council and the new unity Authority intends to reopen the bus and coach station to all operators including National Express coaches as part of its bus services improvements plan.
As passengers number have dropped since the bus and coach station closed .
Taunton has been improving bus and rail interchanges at its Railway station.
and looking at The Gateway park and ride as a coach interchanges for motorway Express services.

Yeovil

Yeovil bus and coach station has a similar Network to 58 to Sherborne and Wincanton bus and coach station.
x12 Yeovil bus and coach station to Sherborne and Blandford forum.

77 Yeovil bus and coach station to Somerton, Street, Glastonbury and wells bus and coach station for Bristol and Bath bus and coach station s.
x11 Yeovil to Dorchester South station.

Bridgwater bus and coach station 21 has a Network to Highbridge and Burnham on sea for Weston super mare 20
and To Taunton 21 .
75 Bridgwater bus and coach station village s to street Glastonbury, wells bus and coach station

14 ,15 Bridgwater bus and coach station to Minehead.

All of these are first group west of England and First group South west bus services.

Somerset county council has a 7 am to 7 pm bus and coach Network 6 days a week with very few Evening and Sunday services.

Mendip District is very different with services by first group west of England buses.

For From to Bath spa bus and coach station D2 .

173 174 Wells bus and coach station to chilcompton or Shepton mallet to Midsomer Norton Westfield Radstock Peasedown St john and Bath spa bus and coach station.

376 street Glastonbury wells bus and station, Chewton Mendip Farrington Gurney Clutton ,pensford ,Whitchurch Hengrove, Knowle, Bristol Temple meads and Bristol bus and coach station.

7 days a week 18 hours a day

Funded with covid 19 bus operators recovery grant and the mayor for the West of England Dan Norris.

Somerset county council needs to invest in bus stations and interchanges facilities when they become a unity Authority.

in Bridgwater, Yeovil ,wells Wincanton, Frome and Reopen Taunton bus and coach station.

The bus shelters need repairs across the county up today bus timetables and real-time information.

and Network tickets tap and cap Rover tickets especially in South west England.

Dorset has very basic rural bus and coach Network.

in west Dorset with a link from Weymouth through Dorchester or along the coast to Bridport , Lyme Regis and Axminster station for a Taunton town

x51 x53 first group Wessex buses.

Monday to Sunday services.

no Evening services.

centre and south western railways first group MTR to Exeter St David's or Yeovil junction Salisbury and London Waterloo.

A limited Town services in Bridport and Lyme Regis funded by Town council s
Bridport a community transport company and Lyme Regis contacted to the Go ahead group.

services 6 Bridport bus and coach station to Beaminster ,crewrence and Yeovil bus and coach station Monday to Fridays

and Beaminster Town council services

on Saturdays Bridport bus and coach station to Beaminster and crewrence.

Town services in Dorchester.

Services in Bournemouth transport interchange 50 and 40 Poole to Swanage bus and rail services.

Poole bus and coach station to Blandford. x8

Services x3 Bournemouth to Ringwood Fordingbridge and Salisbury.

Evening and Sunday services

x54 Weymouth town to Wareham and Poole bus and coach station.

Weymouth to Blandford forum for Salisbury.

Monday to Saturday service.

Blandford forum to Shaftesbury and Gillingham.

but apart from Bournemouth Poole and Christchurch council area with yellow bus and Go ahead group South coast morebus and Salisbury reds .

Dorset has a limited bus service

Dorset council has worked on a bus improvements plan and enhanced quality partnership and has a bus service Advisory Board and passengers forum planning to integrate bus coach railway and ferry services.

Dorset has not county wide rover tickets.

Cornwall has an integrated bus coach train and ferry Network based on Penzance ,Truro, Camborne Redruth, Falmouth ,Helston, Newquay Bodmin Padstow,Bude, Launceston with links to Exeter bus station and Plymouth royal parade and Plymouth coach station.

Bus and rail interchanges investment at Penzance, St Earth ,St Austell Bodmin parkway. Redruth

Bus and coach stations at Newquay St Ives close to the station. Weighbridge

Truro rail station and bus and coach station.

Falmouth moor .

Camborne bus and coach station need a full upgrade.

Cornwall has some supported Evenings and Sundays Network.

Under Transport for Cornwall with go ahead South west First group Cornwall by kernow Hopleys Ots, Travel Cornwall stagecoach South west.

First group Great western railway and cross country trains German state railway National Express coaches and Megabus. and Ferries with integrated ticketing. Ride Cornwall bus and rail tickets mussel card bus train and ferry in the Truro Falmouth area.

bus the bus Network need revenue support.

Devon Plymouth and Torbay

have evening and Sunday services in Plymouth, Exeter, Torbay Newton Abbott Torquay ,Paignton ,Brixham North Devon Barnstaple Ilfracombe Westwood ho and Appledore via Bideford.

link to Barnstaple station on the Exeter central line and Megabus and National Express coaches services to Taunton Town centre and Bristol bus and coach station.

with the opening of the Exeter central to Okehampton line a bus link runs to Tavistock.

Plymouth to Tavistock bus station

has a 7 Day a week services.

Exeter bus station has link to Exmouth Tiverton ,Sidmouth, Seaton and Lyme Regis Exeter to Tiverton and Barnstaple
Exeter to Bideford and Barnstaple bus and coach station
Bideford 7 days a week with stagecoach South west.
with some Evening service in Exeter Exmouth and Tiverton.
These were reduced due to funding shortages and shortage of Drivers .
in February.
investment is need in bus stations and interchanges in Devon at Newton Abbott.
Ifracombe sea front no shelters.
Exeter Byfield Road National Express coaches and Megabus bus coach station
facilities opposite the bus and coach station.
Torquay Lymington Road coach station need waiting room facilities toilet
disabled passengers facilities.
not just business units as proposed by the council and transport Authority

Wiltshire has a county wide Network with Evening and Sunday services.
around Salisbury, Bath spa bus and coach station to Bradford on Avon
Trowbridge and Warminster. D1 .
week days connections for Salisbury.
Bath spa bus and coach station to Corsham and Chippenham bus station and
railway station. x31
272, 273 Bath spa bus station to Melk sham and Devize .
Chippenham to Calne and Devize. 33
daytime.
and Chippenham local Network run by Wiltshire company favesaver
Swindon bus station Salisbury via pewsey.
Swindon bus station to Cirencester and Cheltenham spa.
Swindon to Devize and Trowbridge.
Swindon to Marlborough.
Chippenham to Cirencester.

Swindon Borough council is rebuilding a bus liner interchanges facilities for Town
buses and county bus services and National Express coaches Megabus.
but needs details work on interchanges.
waiting room facilities and Travel centres.
Swindon Town bus service are still of 60 % of pre covid 19 passengers.
Wiltshire has a countryside bus ticket .
The Borough council wants Electrification of the bus Network.
Gloucestershire county council has a 7 day a week bus Network out of
Gloucester Transport hub, Cheltenham spa and from Stroud merry walk bus and
coach station to Cheltenham and Gloucester
Durseley may lane bus station has a 7 day a week service to Gloucester transport
hub
The Forest of Dean has a 7 day a week Network from Gloucester transport hub
to Coleford, Cinderford bus station
6 day a Lydney and Chepstow bus and coach station in wales
Their a Network of bus services for Cheltenham spa to Winscombe w route
Tewkesbury via Ash church station. 41 42 .66 to Stroud bus and coach station
and Stonehouse
From Cheltenham spa to Morton on the marsh.
Stroud merry walk bus station has rural link to Nalsworth 7 days a week

To Dursey Stonehouse and Gloucester transport hub 6 days a week no evening service.

Stroud merry walk bus station to Bath spa bus and coach station via Tetbury chipping Sodbury yate bus station.

6 days a week.

Dursey may lane bus station to Wotton under edge and Thornbury interchange.

The problem in Gloucester is the lack of Bus lanes and priority measures.

except in the centre of the city .

Gloucestershire county council is proposing a mass transit system metro bus or light rail system from Hardwick Gloucester Cheltenham spa and Bishop cleeve working with the west of England mayoral combined Authority and North Somerset council and Bristol city council through the western gateway transport Board n

The new transport hub bus and coach station is modern and new and need investment in a cafe and Newsagent and railway information system restored .

Cheltenham bus and coach station Royal wells needs a master plan.

Stroud merry walk bus station

Nalsworth bus station.

Cinderford bus station.

Lydney bus and coach station.

Cirencester need at new bus and coach station

Arle court coach interchanges and Transport interchange is welcomed but not with the closure of Royal wells coach station facilities.

All need investment.

passengers information displays.

Cheltenham spa need a Tourist information centre and bus information point .

West Gloucestershire has just lost it major bus Network from Gloucester transport hub Newent Dymock Ledbury 132 service

32 Gloucester transport hub Newent Ross on wye service is cut back .

The stagecoach west bus Depot was also closed saving a million pound to stagecoach west.

Due to the reductions in bus service recovery grant.

with only one bus from Gloucester transport hub to Newent 7 days a week no replacement services have been provided.

1300 petition has been presented to Gloucestershire county council the Transport Authority.

just one bus a week now services Dymock from Newent to Hereford county bus service.

The 132 Gloucester transport hub to Newent and Ledbury via Dymock was 6 days a week Every 2 hours

Gloucester transport hub to Newent and Ross on wye was every 2 hours 32

just goes to Newent. except for schools and shopping journeys.

Protest meeting have been held and Town council and parish councils have been looking at Alternative services Ledbury Dymock Newent connections for Gloucester services 32 Ledbury town centre Ross on wye to Newent.

but Gloucestershire county council has some money but not at present Herefordshire council .

DRT services are more expensive than ordinary buses .

without ongoing revenue support for bus and regional coach services connections into Region railway Network the South west bus and coach services will be cut back like west Gloucestershire

we need the Department for to work with local transport Authorities county councils mayoral combined Authorities sub Regional transport Boards to fund marketing campaigns for bus coach and Regional railway service with the local Tourist board

in South west England we have loss bus and coach travel centre in Cheltenham spa, Bath spa, Taunton, Torquay Paignton.

we need to look at public transport and Tourism information centre s

Stroud ,Cheltenham spa Bristol and Bath have no Tourist information offices

without the promise Department for transport marketing campaigns many bus and coach services will be withdrawn in South west England in October 2022 when the covid 19 bus operator recovery grant runs out .

with 1,Billion pounds of bus service improvements grant left and 57 transport Authority and 79 council with

Transport powers.

our concerns is 16 Authorities are to have their bus services improvements plan fully funded and 20 part funded and the rest with very little money.

public transport is a public service provided by private companies with National Regional and Transport Authority support and needs properly funding on 5 year programme in England by the treasury by enhanced quality partnership franchises or local Authorities bus and coach companies.

public transport give access to jobs school colleges universities shopping health care hospitals town and city centres leisure and Tourism facilities.

please find our evidence for the inquiry.

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Bristol disability equalities forum and South Gloucestershire council disability Network.

The campaign forum are region user passengers groups

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