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Torpoint Town Council

Cc Plymouth City Bus

Dear Councillors,

I rely solely on public transport and do not expect it to be tailored to suit my exact needs.

However, I doubt if I am alone in being concerned that from April 10th Torpoint bus services are being halved.

I use the bus service to visit Plymouth weekly, Pentorr Health Centre occasionally, to North Road Station several times a year and recently to attend a succession of appointments at Derriford Hospital. Most visits could be coordinated with maybe 15/30 minute waiting times (I always carry a book!)

It doesn't need much imagination to work out how much more difficult it will be to coordinate appointments and catch the 34 bus to Derriford and a train at North Road Station when only one bus an hour leaves Torpoint. This will be even more difficult when there is a bus or ferry delay.

For example today the 11.30 am ferry was delayed because of movement on the river. Fortunately I still managed to catch the 34 bus to Derriford.

It's impossible even with a half an hour bus service to coordinate the 34 with the Torpoint bus on the return journey.

The best cross over point is the bus shelter in Park Road outside the University Technical College. I sat there (with my book!!) for 25 minutes waiting for the Torpoint bus. To rub salt into the wound, while I waited 3 No 21 City buses passed me en route to Plymouth and 3 No 21s went on the other side of the road towards St Budeaux. All No 21 buses boast "10 minute service, executive seating, free Wi Fi, USB connections" I accept that life is not always fair.....but!!!

I am grateful that all my bus trips are free of charge but I would hope that the Town Council will consider the points I have made and discuss the problem with Plymouth City Bus. I recently filled in a transport survey that was in the Community Hub but I am not sure what authority generated it or if any decisions will be changed as a result of the Survey.

Yours sincerely,

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