

## **PROPOSED CUTS TO BUS SERVICES IN RURAL LANCASHIRE**

Response from Roger Mace, our local city councillor

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### **Subject: Consultation on bus services**

The issues raised in the proposals for reducing bus services are serious for users of public transport in the rural areas - and especially so for those pensioners who rely totally on bus passes for access to human contact outside their homes and for access to shops and other essential services in urban areas.

I endorse the comments critical of the proposals (from Wood, Ollerenshaw, Dowding and Charles) that are contained in the Lancaster Guardian.

I reject the suggestion that these cuts are a budgetary necessity. There are other ways of meeting the budgetary requirements than by implementing cuts to bus services that are lifelines to their users.

J. R. Mace (Lancaster City Councillor, Kellet Ward)

extra note:-

The current proposals potentially affect the quality of life of all residents without access to cars. ALL residents (whether urban or rural) are thus vulnerable to the proposals in the sense that implementation is likely to make it more difficult for urban residents to visit friends and relatives living in rural areas, as well as making it more difficult for rural residents to visit friends and relatives (and access essential, commercial, professional and recreational services) in urban areas.

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