

Geoff Raw – Chief Executive
Brighton & Hove City Council

12th June 2017

Dear Geoff

We are submitting the following letter under Council Procedure Rule 23.3 to be included on the agenda for the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting of 27th June 2017.

We have been contacted by residents in Ovingdean and Rottingdean who would like to see either the number 47 bus route extended into and out of Ovingdean, or the number 52 route extended into Rottingdean.

Between Monday to Saturday the 47 bus goes along the seafront from Saltdean to the station, via the Marina and the Royal Sussex County Hospital. On a Sunday it becomes the 57 and only then does it include Ovingdean in its route.

Local residents would like to see whether it is possible for this route extension to be applied every day, not just on a Sunday, to provide a service to and from the villages to the immediate east of Ovingdean, where residents will be able to find a bank, post office, dentist, library, primary schools, the LIDO and local shopping facilities. They would also be able to get to the station during the day and Rottingdean and Saltdean residents could come into Ovingdean to meet their friends and make use of activities and clubs run in the Village Hall and church.

The 52 service runs down from Woodingdean, through Ovingdean and then west but it only goes as far as the station first thing in the morning and last thing in the evening, there is no Post Office or bank in the marina for people to use, so they have to go into Brighton itself and of course it doesn't get residents to the many local services offered in Rottingdean and Saltdean.

With the concern about traffic congestion and pollution levels very much to the fore in this part of the city, extending either of these bus routes for Ovingdean residents would help to reduce the number of cars, plus boost the footfall in Rottingdean and Saltdean.

The upcoming awarding of contracts by the Council to run subsidised bus routes in the city provides the ideal opportunity to take these representations into account and we would request that this letter is formally accepted as part of that consultation process and brought into discussions with the relevant bus operators.

Yours sincerely

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