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Dear Ms. Fallon

"To ask the Manager to write to Dublin Bus as a matter of great urgency to request revised details of Dublin Bus's intentions to make available more buses and bus schedules to assist with the inordinate traffic congestion in the County. With schools and colleges now reopening following the summer holidays, the majority of people back to work and with the intensification of road works in the region, more buses on our roads with more flexible bus services will help to reduce car dependency and as a consequence traffic congestion"

I refer to your letter of 25th September 2006 regarding the provision of services to South Dublin County Council.

Dublin Bus is developing plans for the rollout of the additional 100 buses announced as part of Transport 21 in 2006. A considerable number of these buses are proposed for SDCC area and the overall aims are to serve new developments and utilise existing bus priority schemes to the maximum. In this regard, Dublin Bus propose to deploy additional resources on the Lucan Road, the South Clondalkin QBC and to a number of growing areas of Tallaght.

While the additional buses will offer an immediate choice to commuters in the County, there is a very real danger that if these additional buses are left exposed to more congested road networks, they will fail to attract commuters in the long term. SDCC would greatly assist the provision of a sustainable bus network if current bus routes are given a greater level of bus priority and that all new developments are designed in such a way that buses can give maximum penetration and are exposed to the least amount of congestion. Dublin Bus would welcome every opportunity to expand on these requirements with officials from the roads, traffic and planning departments at an early opportunity.

I trust this deals adequately with the request and thank you again for writing.

Paddy Doherty

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