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**9<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

Dear Mr. Curtin

**Terenure/Rathfarnham Area Committee – Motions Approved at meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

I refer to your letters, dated 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Dublin Bus is not currently in a position to re-instate a bus service from Whitechurch to Rathfarnham Village in the foreseeable future. Dublin Bus have a very serious financial problem in 2009 due to the abolition of the fuel duty rebate and the effect of the economic downturn on travel demand. The net effect will be a shortfall of €31 million in 2009 which we have to address urgently.

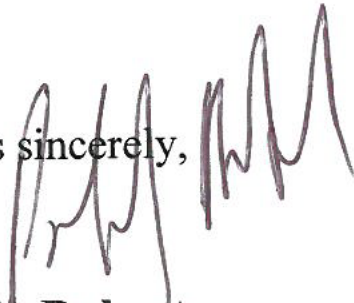
Part of the solution will be to adjust the overall fleet and service levels so as to better match the current reduced level of demand. This will involve the fleet reducing by 10% resulting mainly in frequency adjustments distributed across the City.

At present we are working through the details of the new schedules and when this process is finalised we will be advising all in advance of the target implementation date of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

However, the 74A service which operates via Rathfarnham village links up with the 15B service from Whitechurch on Ballyboden Road.

Thank you for your letter.

Yours sincerely,



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