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Dear Lilian,

HOUSE OF COMMONS TRANSPORT COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY TRANSPORT AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT’S PROPOSED CONSULTATION REPORT.

I am writing to thank you and your Committee for your report on Community Transport.

I am grateful to the Committee for gathering a wide variety of evidence on this important issue. The evidence that was presented to your inquiry, along with your report, raise some important questions for the Department to consider, and reflected the huge strength of feeling amongst those who deliver and use community transport services.

You have evidently taken considerable trouble to publish your report before the start of our consultation. After some consideration I believe that the appropriate course of action is now for the Department to delay publishing the consultation until January 2018.

This will allow time for me and my officials to give further consideration to the committee’s report, its underlying evidence base and recommendations.

I plan to write to you again during February 2018 in response to your recommendations.

As ever,

Jesse Norman