Transport Committee

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Dear Nusrat,

Community transport

I am writing to ask about progress on the issues relating to community transport that the Committee has raised with you previously.

When you wrote to me on 22 October you said that you aimed to publish the Government response to the February 2018 consultation within a couple of months. It would be helpful to know when the Government’s response will be published and how quickly you expect to be able to issue final guidance. I would like to know whether preparation and planning for EU Exit is a factor in the delay in getting the final guidance out and whether the Government’s guidance would be different under any of the possible EU Exit scenarios.

Your letter set out the Government’s view but noted that the traffic commissioners may have a different interpretation. The Committee would find it useful to have an update from you on the latest discussions you and your officials have had with the Office of the Traffic Commissioner on the application of exemptions and whether any differences in interpretation persist.

Finally, the Committee would find it useful to know the current position on inappropriate commissioning and enforcement and to understand what steps you and your officials have taken to ensure local authorities are able to continue commissioning and supporting services for those people that depend on community transport. In providing us with an update on this it would be useful to know what discussions you have had on this issue with local authorities, police services and traffic commissioners.

Yours sincerely,

Lilian Greenwood MP
Chair of the Transport Select Committee