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To: Mel Bignell
Subject: ** Response to VS Forum questions (June 30th 2009) **
Importance: High

Dear Mel,

It was a pleasure to attend your last Forum and a number of very good contacts were made!

As promised here are responses to the questions raised - many of them are generic and therefore I ask that they are 'sent to all'

1. Border Issues: (accessing community/public transport across district boundaries)

I am meeting with all of my peers in surrounding districts in the next 6 weeks. The first is on the 26th August with Milton Keynes Council and I will be discussing these issues. I was also specifically discuss Hospital access from Northamptonshire and the removal of the flat-fare for pre-9.30am travel for concessionary bus pass holders.

2. Minibus Brokerage: (sharing spare capacity with others & the use of minibuses by multiple users)

I am meeting with NCC Managers to discuss this issue on September 7th.

3. Youth Transport Issues:

Emma Truscott (UK Youth Parliament representative for South Northamptonshire) attended our Concessionary Fares working group meeting on July 30th and we discussed transport issues at length. I am now fully aware of the national "Get on Board" campaign, safety issues around young people choosing to walk late at night on unsuitable routes due to either a lack of service or cost, I.D. issues and the lack of consistency around the age at which adult fare is payable. I would be happy to support this work and ask Zoe Hale to contact me to discuss further

4. Transport for people with a disability:

A colleague of **Stephanie Davies** (Jenny Richardson) attended our Concessionary Fares working group on July 30th to discuss the needs of people with visual impairments

5. Aynho:

Reference was made to a 9.28am service which means that concessionary fares bus pass holders pay for their outbound journey. As well as the internal concessionary fares working group that I currently chair, I am in discussion with NCC about all similar situations across the district (Deanshanger & Hackleton for example). The County Council is reviewing and re-tendering many services and I am trying to negotiate small changes to timetables to bring more people into the free travel scheme

6. Deanshanger: speed checks

Speed data collection requests and the Speed Indicator Devices are operated by Northamptonshire Police. The contact is Ian Ledingham 01604 703435 ian.ledingham@northants.pnn.police.uk. I have already spoken to him and he will e-mail the Deanshanger results directly to **John Lawson** (the only Deanshanger e-mail address on the SNVB attendance list). He is also due to attend an Old Stafford parish meeting in early September. **John** - please can you share the information from Ian with parish colleagues.

7. Syresham: cycling issues on the B4525

John Nash e-mailed me last month and I am following up these issues with a number of NCC colleagues (cycling and walking officer and Local Transport Plan manager). I will come back to John as soon as possible.

If anybody feels that a question has not been fully answered, have a point of clarity, or even have more questions, please contact me!

Kind Regards

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