

**PUBLIC QUESTION RECEIVED for Place Scrutiny Committee – 9
November 2017 from Mr J Sheppard**

To Cllr Rosie Denham, as Portfolio Holder for City Transformation, Energy and Transport.

It is now two months since the the Crediton 5 bus has been re routed around West Garth Road and Wrefords Lane.

As a local resident I am most concerned about the pathway of the bus up and down West Garth Road. It is a quite steep and narrow suburban road (at the top) and not really designed for huge double decker access.

To watch it descend from the top of the road, to me, looks to be quite precarious. It is noisy with excess Diesel fumes on its ascent.

We have had a single decker service replaced by a huge double decker which is causing wear and tear, on a less than adequate route way. If residents were to park, rightfully, on either side of the road in the two pinch points then I doubt the bus would get through. Residents at the lower end of the road often have to park on the pavement.

I am aware that there are other concerns about the replacement of the H bus and that other people are voicing these.

However my particular question is whether Exeter City Council can support a request for a bus service more commensurate and suitable for this context and environment?

The Chair, Councillor Sills read out the question from Mr Sheppard relating to the bus service in Exeter. She was unable to attend the meeting. The Portfolio Holder City Transformation Energy and Transport, Councillor Rosie Denham responded to the question.

The Portfolio Holder City Transformation Energy and Transport, Councillor Rosie Denham responded to the question. She reiterated some of the comments made to the question from Ms Emery and Ms Sheppard and repeated her response which was that although this question had been a specific ask of the Exeter City Council, it was important to bear in mind that the City Council was not the transport authority. Devon County Council commission and subsidise bus services where they consider the need was not being met by the commercial services. It was appropriate to raise such issues through the Exeter Highways and Traffic Order Committee (HATOC). He referred to her previous response that these questions would be put to Stagecoach seeking some redress over any any perceived gaps. The changes had an impact on residents who had a service which had been withdrawn and she was happy to continue to support residents in their efforts to call for an appropriate bus service.