



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Date: 14th December 2015

Response to:

West Berkshire Council's Budget Proposal 2016/17: Public Transport.

The following response was posted on the WBC feedback form for the above proposal.

1. Contact details:

The Parish Clerk, Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council.

2. Do you or a carer use this service?

No

3. What do you think we should be aware of, in terms of how this proposal might impact people?

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council wishes to comment on the proposal to completely withdrawal the number 75 bus service from Beech Hill to Newbury.

This is a well-used service and is the only direct link between our communities and Newbury, the main town of West Berkshire, which contains the local Council offices. This will also impact members of the community who need to visit the Sovereign Housing Administration Services.

4. Do you feel that this proposal will affect particular individuals more than others, and if so, how do you think we might help with this?

This will particularly affect older residents of the Parish, who rely on the service to go to Newbury, to visit West Berkshire Council offices and most importantly to go to the West Berkshire Community Hospital.

5. Do you have any suggestions as to how this service might be delivered in a different way? If so, please provide details.

No. The current service is fully relied upon by community of Mortimer.

6. Is there any way that you or your organisation can contribute in helping to alleviate the impact of this proposal? If so, please provide details of how you can help.

No

7. Any further comments?

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considers this to be an unacceptable cut of services which will lead to isolation of the older members of the community and further dependence upon individual car journeys, either private or provide by local charities.