

On-line submission to the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority Local Transport and Connectivity Plan by a Buckden resident who shared their views with us:

I am very concerned by the announcement on today's local news that Stagecoach is to axe a number of bus routes in the region. Does this include the 66 route between Huntingdon and St Neots?

██████████ living in Buckden and have deliberately got rid of our car, not wishing to be a liability on the roads nor to use a car when public transport is available. The hourly 66 bus service suits most of our needs and we call a taxi when it is not running. Rumours are circulating that it is one of those to be axed. I would regard this as a betrayal of the impressive vision for Local Transport set out on the C&PCA website and totally contrary to the direction in which provision of public transport should be going. If Stagecoach is axing routes, are other providers being encouraged to adopt them?

I note the TING service continues with its buses almost always having just 1 or 2 passengers. Most of those who have tried it have abandoned it as unsatisfactory. It would be far more sensible to use those smaller buses on regular routes, serving additional villages such as Grafham and Perry on a regular timetable.

From the C&PCA Website on transport. Among the eleven LTCP objectives are the following:

Accessibility:

Promote social inclusion through the provision of a sustainable transport network that is affordable and accessible to all.

Safety:

Embed a safe systems approach into all planning and transport operations to achieve Vision Zero – zero fatalities or serious injuries

Environment:

Deliver a transport network that protects and enhances our natural, historic and built environments.

Climate:

Reduce emissions to 'net zero' by 2050 to minimise the impact of transport and travel on climate change.