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Dear Andrew,

Re: Arriva Oswestry Depot

I was extremely disappointed to learn of Arriva's proposals to close the bus depot in Oswestry and I urge the company to reconsider.

Bus services are crucial for connecting rural communities and ensuring that people without access to a private car are able to reach high streets, hospitals, pharmacies and other local services.

I appreciate the financial impact that Shropshire Council's cuts to bus funding have had on Arriva and service providers across the county, and will be raising this directly with the local authority.

However, if passenger numbers are to increase then the public must be assured that they will be served by regular, reliable, local services. I fear that removing the Oswestry depot will reduce the quality of services in the area, several of which have already been criticised as unreliable by local users in recent times.

It is also critical that staff members jobs are protected throughout this process.

I would welcome a meeting with you to discuss these points in further detail.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morgan

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