

DEREK THOMAS MP

RURAL BUS SERVICES – UPDATE

Thank you to everyone in St Erth who responded to my bus survey. The results have now been analysed and the next step is to ask you to help design a better service which meets your needs.

I am working closely with St Erth Parish Council who recently met Cornwall Council's Service Director for Transport and Infrastructure and the Councillor Portfolio Holder for Transport, to emphasise the importance of safeguarding the service and expanding its capability.

The Parish Council also stressed the point that while Cornwall Council had invested £millions into the Transport Hub at St Erth Station, it was important to review how residents got to the Hub to catch other buses or trains - or for a bus service to take passengers to other destinations and get them back again in good time!

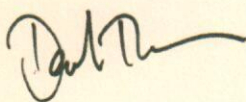
Following that meeting, Cornwall Council invited the Parish Council to say what an improved bus service would look like and so it's a great opportunity for your Council and me to work together on your behalf.

In the survey, you told me that:

- you really value your bus service but
- you need more frequent buses to take you to and from the Hub and with timetables so you don't have to wait long for your connection and
- you need a service which will also get you to specific destinations such as the surgeries at Marazion and Hayle, enable students to get to school and college and workers to get to work - on time! and
- you also said an improved bus service would encourage car drivers in the parish to leave their cars at home, helping to reduce congestion and the effect on the environment.

I very much hope you can spare a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to me by Friday, 12th April.

Yours sincerely,



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