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Dear Mr Bee,

Consultation on MetroBus Quality Partnership Scheme Proposals

Bristol City Council, North Somerset District Council and South Gloucestershire District Council ('the Councils') have published notice that in pursuance of their powers under sections 114 to 123 of the Transport Act 2000, acting jointly, they propose to make a Quality Partnership Scheme (the 'QPS'). The QPS forms part of the implementation of the MetroBus rapid transit scheme as described in the West of England Joint Local Transport Plan 3. A copy of the notice published by the Councils is attached.

Section 115 of the Transport Act 2000 requires the Councils to consult with the following:

- a) all operators of local services who would, in the opinion of the authority or authorities, be affected by the Scheme;
- b) such organisations appearing to the authority or authorities to be representative of users of local services as they think fit;
- c) any other relevant local authority any part of whose area would, in the opinion of the authority or authorities, be affected by it;
- d) the traffic commissioner for each traffic area covering the whole or part of the area to which it relates;
- e) the chief officer of police for each police area covering the whole or part of that area; and,
- f) such other persons as the authority or authorities think fit.

As we believe that you are someone falling within one or more of the above categories, we are writing to seek your views on the proposed QPS. Copies of the public notice and the consultation draft QPS document are attached, and can also be viewed online at www.travelwest.info/metrobus. The public notice provides detail of where the documents are available for public inspection.

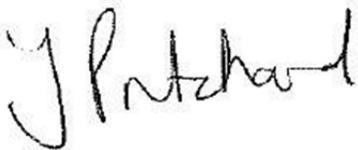
Please respond with your views on the QPS, by email to metrobus@westofengland.org or by post to the address at the head of this letter, addressing your comment to me on behalf of the lead authority Bristol City Council and quoting the reference 'QPS consultation'. If you are commenting on behalf of an organisation please clearly state the name of the organisation and the capacity in which you are responding. Please send your views to reach me by 23rd July 2015 at the latest.

Should you require any clarification on the content of the QPS prior to submitting your response please outline the clarification sought via email to metrobus@westofengland.org including a telephone number so that we can contact you.

General background information regarding MetroBus can be found at www.travelwest.info/metrobus. Please note that this consultation seeks your views specifically on the proposed QPS rather than the generality of MetroBus which has been the subject of separate consultations over many years.

Legislation provides for operators of local bus services to make formal objection to inclusion of certain facilities and standards of service within a QPS under specified circumstances. Any such objections should be made in accordance with the procedure and timescales set out in the public notice and entirely separate from any response to this letter.

Yours sincerely



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Encs: QPS proposals public notice
 Consultation draft QPS document

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