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**Chair of Transport and  
Highways Committee**  
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**Re: Question Under Procedure Rule 39**

Given the number of elderly and vulnerable residents that use the NCT 14 bus route, would the Chairman of Transport and Highways subsidise this route for 12 months so that a more realistic assessment of its usage may be produced?

Dear Councillor Steve Carr,

Firstly may I take this opportunity to thank you for your question.

I am very disappointed that Nottingham City Transport will cease to operate Service 14 at the end of the month. NCT made this decision because the service is very under used and making a loss. During the daytime residents in the Chilwell area have frequent alternative services and elderly/disabled residents in the Beeston, Dennis Avenue and Wollaton Road area can use NCT services L10 and L11 to Beeston town centre and Nottingham via Wollaton Road. Other residents in the Dennis Avenue area use the high frequency bus services operating along Woodside Road or Derby Road.

Given the current financial challenge this Council is facing with the £154 million hole in the budget and as we have been put in the regrettable position of having to reduce other bus services in the County I cannot agree at this stage to subsidise the retention of Service 14 when suitable alternatives are available.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Greaves", written in a cursive style.

**Councillor Kevin Greaves  
Chair of Transport and Highways Committee  
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