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Dear Mr <sup>Fergus</sup>Dunlop

Bus Users Group

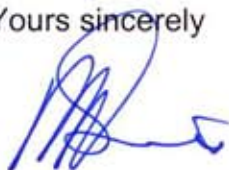
As discussed at our meeting last week I have now canvassed the views of the Board members and I am pleased to report that the Board has confirmed my assumption.

The Environment Department welcomes the opportunity to be able to engage with an independent bus users group and would be quite happy for that group to display appropriate material on the buses and as part of the summer timetable. As the group matures the Department would welcome the opportunity, through the groups committee, to canvass its members' views on matters such as route changes, service provision etc. The Department would also support the bus users group, where appropriate, by providing supportive media comment.

I am sure you will appreciate that the Department cannot provide funding to the group but I appreciate that this was not what you were seeking. Similarly I am sure you will understand that there may be occasions where the message the users group will want to promote is not one with which Government can align itself. I am sure that with mutual respect of each other's positions we will be able to manage such situations and maintain a good working relationship.

I wish you well with taking this project forward.

Yours sincerely



**Deputy Peter Sirett**  
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