



Doncaster Council

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Dear Paul

Thank you for your letter dated 17th January 2018 and for the Panel's consideration of the Wool Market proposals.

The connectivity with the Market is associated with the Quality Streets Scheme for Hall Gate and Silver Street. We are still finalising the options for these streets, but our proposals will change the route of at least one service. This will lead to a service stopping on Market Road, which will allow customers to board at the Market, and it would then take them to the Interchange where they can connect with other buses and trains.

Discussions with First Buses have taken place, and they are very positive about the proposal. They are also prepared to look at some options which could divert a number of services via the Market.

We are looking at how we can improve connectivity with the wider town centre, including stops nearer to the Civic Office, particularly as planned projects will result in greater demand for passengers to this area of town. First are starting to introduce through-routes which connect one side of Doncaster with another area, and allows passengers to travel to a wider number of destinations without the need to change buses.

At a recent Doncaster Bus Partnership meeting, it was agreed that we would hold a workshop to look at the bus routes in the Town Centre and understand what the options and constraints are for what we want to do. This has been provisionally identified for around May time, but no specifics have been set. We do, however, have to be mindful that current bus passengers may already have the services they want, and making changes may not be supported by them as the new route doesn't meet their needs.

Yours sincerely

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