

Lt. Col. P. A. Roffey DL, CC

PROVISION OF TRAVEL CONCESSIONS

With regard to the paper you are taking to Cabinet tomorrow, I have great concern about your recommendation that tokens should only be available to people in rural areas. This will be too restrictive I suggest and I urge you to reconsider your recommendation. There are people in Melton Mowbray who live within a mile or so of the town centre who do not have a public transport service or, where they do, it is a very limited service. If your present proposal is agreed by Cabinet there will be many people in my patch who will be disadvantaged if they can only have a bus pass. The tokens are needed and used by many to hire a taxi in order that they can visit the supermarket, surgery etc., because of the inadequacies of the public transport system in Melton Mowbray.

I urge you to consider the needs of the elderly, living in a town but who do not have an adequate bus service to their local shopping centre.

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Dear Mr. Barber,

**FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROVISIONS OF TRAVEL CONCESSIONS –
CABINET (A) - 23/10/2001**

It is with some concern that I read the above paper as I believe that those people who are already disadvantaged will, through the new proposals in your paper, be further restricted in what they are able to do.

Let me in the first place say that the main reason for this letter is not the withdrawal of tokens from certain pensioners. Certainly I do have objections to this and will need to be convinced that there is a necessity for such an action. It would appear to me that the many are suffering from the actions of the few, not in my estimation the best of reasons for such an action.

However, my main concerns are the actions you are proposing for those who have the flat fare concession because they are disabled. It should be remembered that this is given to the person, no matter what age, because of their disability. A disabled person can have this concession for more than forty years, they may well, because of their disability, have to use bus or train in order to follow their employment or enjoy their leisure time.

The administration of a scheme with different conditions for the disabled is already in place and it should not cause too many problems to implement a separate scheme for the disabled that does not change their present conditions for travel by bus or train.

I accept that there will be a cost involved but surely not an excessive amount more than in the past.

Would you please look again at this part of the proposal and give consideration to making an amendment that would not penalise the disabled.

Yours sincerely,

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