

QUESTION NO 21

By Councillor Flannery for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 22 June 2023

Our decisions on how to get from A to B are based on the choices available and how we feel about them. There are several factors which can influence how we choose to move, including availability and quality of infrastructure, cost, journey time, safety, personal ability and convenience. - City Mobility Plan

Question (1) In the light of this statement, can the Convener confirm what alternative arrangements are being explored to serve residents in the South of the city who are now cut off from the city centre because of the withdrawal of the No 41 bus route?

Answer (1)

Question (2) Can the Convener confirm how the City Mobility Plan which makes several direct references to 'people with mobility issues' are to be prioritised with the recent withdrawal of two bus routes, No 42 and No 41, and the scaling back of disabled parking spaces and universal provision?

Answer (2)

Question (3) *Inclusion: For many the city has an excellent, inclusive public transport system, though some areas are poorly served limiting opportunities for those who live there. We also recognise that public transport and taxi usage can be unsuitable for people with severe mobility problems, therefore private cars are essential for some in the city – city mobility plan.*

Can he confirm that along with Lothian Buses, who are 'monitoring' the new No 9 route, that the Council is doing likewise, and responding to residents' concerns in a timely manner, particularly in the light of increased congestion on North Bridge and South Clerk Street due to the addition of the No 9?

Answer (3)

