

Dear Jeremy,

On behalf of the four parishes in the meeting, may I thank you for the considered response you have given to the discussions we had last Monday in Sudbury with a view to addressing the concerns of the timetable changes they expressed.

In summary I paraphrase these additional services to your proposed revised timetable on the Chambers Website as follows:

1. 784 - A six day service from the centre of Assington to Sudbury
2. 84 – 0850 and 1605 (retimed) from Colchester and 0657 and 1507 from Sudbury to operate on Mondays to Fridays during school holidays.
3. 84A – An additional journey for Thursdays only (Sudbury Market Day) – from 9.30 (Bus pass admissible)) Nayland / Stoke by Nayland entering via Home Base / East Street in to Sudbury with a return from 12.30.

These amendments I am sure will be welcomed. However may I ask did you consider a later return from Sudbury as far as say Nayland / return catering for the working population in Sudbury returning home as well as youngsters being able to attend after school activities and returning home ??

I understand that these amendments are for a trial period and we can follow up a meeting after Easter. I do assume in practice that they will remain until the end of the July term.

Can you advise me of the following:-

4. To begin with, **could you send me a revised timetable of the 84 and the 784 with these amendments (and through journeys to the Chilton medical centre) by return?** This will enable me to provide greater clarity of your proposals to our Parish Council representatives that attended our meeting. I propose to publish the revisions in the local parish magazine – LSPN - which covers Nayland, Stoke by Nayland and Leavenheath – this has a deadline of 18th February. I will explore the options for Assington.
5. As these are for a trial period, can you give an indication what “measures of success” you will be using and what are the critical numbers to make these viable longer term ?? This may help focus the passengers the “use or lose” message.
6. What promotion are you planning to ensure that all passengers are aware of these modifications?
7. As discussed with Simon Barnett, temporary stops will be located on the A134 at Leavenheath (High Street), Nayland and Assington (northbound only). Can you please confirm use of these stops will be recorded so that expenditure to make them permanent can be justified ?

May I thank you again for your understanding. I hope that these amendments will provide a “win win” for all parties. I look forward to hearing from you with the answers to the above shortly. With best wishes ,

Yours

James

James Finch

Chairman of Suffolk County Council

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