

Mr Gareth Powell,
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Councillors David Noakes, Adele Morris and
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Ward
London Borough of Southwark

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Tuesday 6th February 2018

Dear Mr Powell,

Reduction in RV1 bus service

We would like to express our concern and opposition to the proposed 50% reduction in the RV1 bus route from six to three buses an hour.

The RV1 from Tower Hill to Covent Garden runs through our ward with stops at the Hop Exchange, Southwark Bridge Road, Great Guildford Street, Lavington Street, Southwark Street/Blackfriars Road and the Oxo Tower.

We are not aware of any consultation held by TfL to reduce this service so dramatically and would point out that any reduction in numbers of bus users is more likely to relate to the diversions that have been in place on Tooley Street, which have required east bound buses to go over London Bridge to Tower Hill (until May 2018) and other ad hoc diversions on Upper Ground.

We are also surprised that cut backs are being made to bus services when we are trying to increase the use of public transport to reduce congestion and improve air quality. This is also a very important route for tourists linking Covent Garden, the Millennium Wheel, the South Bank, the Tate Modern, the Globe, Borough Market, Tower Bridge and the Tower of London. This is the only bus making all these links.

We have been contacted by a number of our residents expressing concern about these proposed cuts, which I understand are due to come into effect on the 10th February.

We would like to request that the reduction in this service is paused or stopped to allow a full and proper consultation on these proposals.

We look forward to your urgent response on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Councillors David Noakes, Adele Morris and Maria Linforth-Hall
Liberal Democrat Councillors for Cathedrals Ward

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