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Dear Sirs

Change in Numbers 4 and 4A Bus Route

I have been contacted by a number of concerned constituents regarding the above matter.

I am advised that First Bus has decided that the Number 4 will now terminate at The Avenue Shopping Centre and will no longer service the west-side of Ayr Road. I am further advised that in Eaglesham the 4A route will no longer service Polnoon and Montgomerie Street. I appreciate that this may be a simple decision for First Bus but I remain concerned about the inconvenience and logistical problems it will cause for the people in Newton Mearns and Eaglesham that I have been elected to represent.

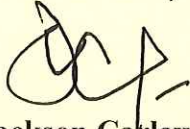
The current route 4 is important for a variety of resident groups. These include but are of course not limited to students of Mearns Castle High School who reside west of Ayr Road, patients visiting the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital who again live west of Ayr Road as well as customers who shop at Greenlaw but live East of Ayr Road and other commuters who utilise the present route. The same principle applies for those in Eaglesham, especially the elderly and those who do not drive who will be left wondering how to now go about their daily business. You will no doubt have considered this impact on customers prior to these changes coming into place on 23rd October?

I note that this alternation in the route will necessitate residents changing at the shopping centre to access stops presently covered by the number 4. This strikes me as causing needless inconvenience. What is the reasoning for this decision and for the 4A no longer servicing Polnoon and Montgomerie Street?

Perhaps you shall be good enough to consider the foregoing, confirm that a consultation was undertaken of affected residents and revert to me as soon as possible.

Many thanks, in anticipation, of your kind assistance.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Carlaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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