COUNCIL

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1. Mrs Pearl Durrant, 24, The Croft, Hollins

"The bus service to me is a lifeline, and while I may have many questions to ask about First Bus' lack of service to the public, could you explain to me why they have been able to destroy a reasonable service by changing numbers, routes, times and frequency without any regard for the bus users. I haven't found a single fellow passenger who has been consulted by First Bus.

2. Mr Len Lott 17 Laburnum Drive Unsworth

"The changes to the 137 and 138 Services now mean that there is no direct link from Unsworth and Hollins to the Heaton Park area of Prestwich. How are we to expect people to get to and from the Doctor's Surgery on Croft Lane or perhaps something that is more relevant in these economic times how do we encourage workers to take up employment in Pilsworth if there isn't a bus service for them."

3. Mr Ben Shatliffe 14 Carrisbrook Avenue, Whitefield.

I have been contacted by people who are very worried about the new bus arrangements. First Bus it appears expect passengers including mothers with buggies prams, shopping etc and elderly not so sprightly people to change buses on Bury Old road at the junction with Thatch Leach Lane. I live not far from there and that junction is not a natural bus interchange by any stretch of the imagination. To expect these passengers to cross these very busy road to catch another bus is to discriminate against them in order to make a profit. Could this Council make Transport for Greater Manchester aware of the issues this bus company have caused please.