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**Prudhoe Town Councillors
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To Whom It May Concern,

In the lead up to the past County and Council elections I was tired of receiving numerous leaflets posted through my mail box. People/parties regarding what they would be doing for me and Prudhoe. Not one of them mentioned a further attempt at getting Go North East , No 10B bus back onto it's old route. Station Road, but turn right, then left onto South Road, past the High School, down through Oaklands Estate, right onto the main road then first left and through West Wylam Estate before it goes back onto the main road at The Falcon. Although I have heard one re-elected councillor has stated no one at Humbles Wood wanted the extension to their estate but he forgets some employees at Ferndene perhaps do. This we found was the request when last this subject and meetings were held.

Approximately 5-6 years ago Councillor George McCready and others (myself being one of them) held numerous meetings with various organisations (even articles in the Hexham Courant) and got a petition with over 800 signatures, of all age groups, to try and get the bus route reinstated. At the last meeting the excuse from GNE was it was too expensive (plus 2 x buses with 2 x drivers). We did not want this. we only asked for the route to change with the existing buses/drivers. This would have reverted back to the old route with an extra 8 minutes added to the time table – an old 604 time table was produced – again they could not, or chose not to take this in. They were:

**Rt Hon Guy Opperman - MP
Mr ? Dodds - GNE
Lady ??? - Northumberland County Council
Along with about 6 of us**

Perhaps at the time we could have obtained more signatures, but were prior told, it had to be people who lived in the Prudhoe areas only. Why? Obviously "no outsiders" ever use this bus to visit parts of WW or Oaklands estates.

Now we have "great things" happening at the eastern end of Princess Way, Low Prudhoe and guess what? The number 10B bus has changed direction from the Station only and gone along there with the same 2 x buses and 2 x drivers. How come the "outsiders" get a priority to be able to visit here. when we the people of WW &

Oaklands estates are not? These "outsiders" from the east already have many GNE buses which take them in the direction of the same facilities in Blaydon and Derwent Haugh.

The Blaydon council have many "R" Series small buses travelling in their local vacinities and thus all areas can connect to the main roads in Crawcrook, Ryton, Blaydon etc etc. Would this not be a good idea in our areas between Mickley, Halfway, Oakland and WW areas? That way everyone, at sometime between early AM to late PM could change buses, but connect with the Hexham and Newcastle bus timetables. Safe journeys for all ages. Do not mention the 638, between 1013 - 1403 as quite a few of use do exist outside of these hours.

I have heard that a few people are still interested in this happening again. Less use of private vehicles and safe travel. No taking short cuts or walking in the dark. Would any of you be interested: ie MP, Town Mayor, Parish or Town Councillors? Remember there are always more elections in the future and most of us have long memories! Those of us who all started this are still interested but unfortunately some are no longer with us so I feel we still have to fight on. Unfortunately I can not find the previous correspondence and signatures but surely someone out there still has copies.

Yours faithfully

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Councillor, Prudhoe South
Councillor, Prudhoe North
Parish Councillor/s ✓

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