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INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF BUS SERVICES

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I regularly use our buses and I have found the cuts that have already been made to be very unfriendly to my fitness levels and my wallet. In order to get to the places I need to get to I now need to use 2 different modes of transport whereas previously it was one, as the distances between the stops are too far and I am not badly disabled, I can only imagine what it is like for the severely disabled with no carers.

There is also the consideration that 'Public Transport' is just that, Privatising is not for the public, it is for the overseas Shareholder's profit. I have heard colleagues and friends complaining about Privatised services in availability and costs.

This seems to be yet another short term money spinner by officials who have government cars at their disposal and have no understanding of what the voting public actually go through.

Frankly I don't know why I am appalled but I guess I still have belief that government's are there to care for the tax paying public!