

Q9 Have you any further comments to add about your transport needs?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	1/12/2023 11:14 PM
2	Stagecoach should be encouraged to amend their stops to accommodate new developments around faversham - this would encourage more use of the services	1/11/2023 3:46 PM
3	I am within walking distance of the train station and shops/ GP/ hospital and my partner has a car, so I rarely need to use the bus.	1/11/2023 2:11 PM
4	Without a bus from the village, I feel imprisoned. And I must add that there are more and more cars in the village so we add enormously to the pollution.	1/10/2023 4:03 PM
5	There are no serviles to Tbe Street, Ospringe any more.'	1/8/2023 6:23 PM
6	Although I do not have problems at the moment, I am now 80 and foresee problems in the future when I can no longer drive, eg attending appointments outside Faversham and in Faversham when there could be too long a walk to an appointment. In order to curb carbon emissions, we should be driving less anyway. I would like to contribute to this by giving up my car, but bus services are currently too limited.	1/8/2023 11:54 AM
7	I have to walk or ride a bicycle to and from Eastling , with very poor eyesight and being in 70's this is becoming dangerous.	1/4/2023 12:29 AM
8	Filling in survey on behalf of elderly residents without cars in the village and based on their comments to me. Having only a school bus service - so early morning and mid afternoon only - is severely restrictive for medical appointments - and distance is too far for most elderly residents to walk. A flexible, fairly frequent and short distance bus service into town is needed for residents without access to cars	1/3/2023 2:55 PM
9	In the past I could walk to the town but carrying stuff back was hard . Now I have difficulty waking . If I could get to town ai could use uses and trains but can't reach the town . I see people worse off than me struggling to walk back from Sainsburys	12/31/2022 5:03 PM
10	If I want to go to just one place in Faversham I have to take my car every time now and it is not very 'green' for me to do so. I don't like driving in the dark. Our bus service was taken away but a shuttle bus to Oare and all the surrounding new estates would surely pay its way but should be provided to stop people like me using my car every time.	12/30/2022 9:03 PM
11	This should not just be about people with mobility issues. We are in a Climate Emergency and need to take cars off the roads. Due to the lack of connecting services it can take many hours to attend a 10 minute check up at a local hospital. This is exhausting for people with medical issues who are still mobile.	12/29/2022 11:08 AM
12	Yes a bus service	12/28/2022 9:25 PM
13	The buses should run more often to help the people who are elderly disabled and don't drive	12/28/2022 7:24 AM
14	Doddington has had its bus services cut and now we are co poetry cut off from everywhere. I have 3 disabled children and need public transport to get to places as I do not drive	12/27/2022 8:11 PM
15	The village of Oare has been entirely disconnected from any amenity due to recent removal of public transport	12/24/2022 1:12 PM
16	We are always being told to use public transport but there isn't any as the bus service into Oare has been stopped this year. I have lost my independence as I do not drive. Taxis are out of the question on the small amount of money I receive in my State Pension. Why can we not have smaller buses that are cheaper to buy and run as opposed to the large single and double deckers we used to get in the village.	12/21/2022 5:45 PM
17	We need public transport in oare we are so cut off	12/21/2022 5:12 PM

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18	People are moving away from this village because there is no public transport anymore	12/21/2022 4:49 PM
19	Due to ongoing health issues I find it difficult to walk very far	12/20/2022 6:58 PM
20	I'm 79 and in poor health, my partner doesn't drive . I drive but don't know for how much longer . I cant walk into town . We rely on theGraveney bus for essential trips . It is vital . Especially on regular occasions when I am unwell.	12/19/2022 11:39 PM
21	Need a bus service to get to and from school. This is not a walkable distance (3 miles) along dangerous roads with no footpaths.	12/19/2022 9:39 PM
22	No point in a community bus, expensive to operate and many previous similar schemes always fail.	12/19/2022 7:01 PM
23	I moved here 7 years ago. I checked the bus services before I accepted my flat. There were 3 an hour. My illness has deteriorated. I'm still mobile and can get to the bus stop, but as I said before, I can not stand for very long. There is nowhere to sit or perch at the bus stop so if the bus is more than ten minutes late I have to give up and walk home. This has had a major impact on my life. The buses are now so unreliable I have to get a taxi to appointments I have to order a taxi there and home again. This is a large chunk, monthly, out of my disability benefits. This also means I rarely get to see family and friends and I've found myself very cut off and isolated. I was a great supporter of local shops and have, my entire life, been a great supporter of our Cinema, going at least once a week. I can no longer do this as the last bus home drops off at 9.30. A taxi to my mum, there and back can cost up to £14. I have witnessed, over the years, people in tears at the bus stop because they have missed long awaited hospital appointments. Not everyone has access to the internet and can't check for updates or changes to bus services and in my experience, Stagecoach is awful at letting people know online or on social media, when there are problems with our services. Anyone who can drive cannot begin to comprehend how difficult and stressful it is relying on these services. I would challenge our councillors to give up their cars for 1 month and use buses to get an honest sense of what it is really like. You may well be able to get to Canterbury or Maidstone from Court Street but try getting from Bysing Wood or anywhere just on the outskirts of Faversham to Court Street in the first place. The impact, since my relapse, has left me depressed and with anxiety and panic to the extent that I am now on two further medications. It is good that this survey is being done but please keep in mind the demographic of bus users and the fact that you will not hear from the many hundreds who don't have access to the internet and can no longer get to the town centre.	12/19/2022 11:16 AM
24	Used to ride a bike twice a day into town only 15 years ago but now the traffic has become so heavy it seems far too dangerous because cars and HGVs pass too close. A wobble and your dead! Once sued a car driver who forced me off road, paid up £60. Selling Road once had a bus service, long gone. Should consider how internet can now be used to make public transport efficient and much more useable.	12/18/2022 8:58 PM
25	A structured and reliable service is required, currently there is no sunday or B/H service which is terrible when town and village events are held that require one to drive or miss out. I wrote to KCC on this subject but no improvement. As all towns and some villages have seen an increase in housing why are funds from council tax not used to improve the bus service? Why are these services being phased out? It doesn't add up!!	12/18/2022 8:21 PM
26	The 666 bus does not have reasonably spaced bus stops. I think it would be really beneficial to have a bus stop near Aldi and the new Perry Court development.	12/18/2022 7:07 PM
27	A2 slow down to 20 miles an hour by the Abbey School in Faversham, save lives and ease traffic congestion in this area.	12/18/2022 6:58 PM
28	The bus service is unreliable and being gradually run down. So relying on the bus service to get to or from the William Harvey Hospital isn't practical. Please improve this service	12/18/2022 6:40 PM
29	Would be great to have a bus stop near Perry Court and Uber taxi services in the area that uses an app to call taxis.	12/18/2022 5:28 PM
30	I am getting less mobile and the buses can't be relied on- I have had to wait over an hour at the bus stop in Faversham to get back to Boughton - luckily the pharmacy deliver my prescriptions	12/18/2022 8:50 AM
31	I'm lucky to have access to my own car and bike. There should be more regular bus services in Boughton-under-Blean, at least twice an hour THROUGHOUT the day. A completely offroad	12/18/2022 8:40 AM

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or dedicated cycle lane would also be good.

32	Because the bus service has more than halved since 2020 I now plan to move to Canterbury where the buses are better and I can walk to more places	12/17/2022 8:26 PM
33	Saturday only 3 buses so don't go out. Busses only goes to faversham or Whitstable so have to then Change in faversham or whitstable to get to Canterbury which cost more I have to get a day pass as I unable to walk to boughton as it's to far to walk and not safe to do so just to get to another town. I don't go out to much as I can't afford it to pay for public transport and I live on my own so very lonely	12/17/2022 6:58 PM
34	Oare needs its buses back. It's not enough to have one school Bus run. We are a village that is too far to get into town if old, unwell or unable to drive. We have residents in the villiage selling up and leaving due to the inaccessibility. Please rethink and reinstate this vital service	12/17/2022 6:18 PM
35	School time buses should continue to run not just for the sake of individual children but also the negative impact on rush hour traffic (congestion/environmental impact).	12/17/2022 6:18 PM
36	Please do not stop the 662 school bus it will stop children accessing their education.	12/17/2022 6:03 PM
37	With two young children it's hard for me to get to places specially in bad weather, once the bus stopped coming to Oare which I used weekly to take my son to his drama club in Canterbury. Also we know take our neighbour to her hospital/ doctor appointments due to no buses coming to the village.	12/17/2022 5:47 PM
38	I'm well placed for transport. But the new estates aren't, and my ease of movement in and thru F'sham will be hindered if there is no public transport into town for their residents. Please: YES to a hopper bus service!	12/17/2022 5:42 PM
39	When I can no longer drive I will not be able to leave the village for medical and dental care as well as any shopping. Nor will I have access to the railway	12/17/2022 5:30 PM
40	The number 8 & 344 bus from and to conyer and sittingbourne when it is axed would mean a 15 minute walk to x3 service we have mobility priblems	12/17/2022 5:03 PM
41	There isn't any public transport for anyone in selling or lining on selling rd	12/17/2022 3:18 PM
42	There are at least 7 persons currently residing in Conyer without their own transport or access to transport other than a bus. Specifically 4 of us are disabled and are unable to walk to the nearest train station and certainly not into Teynham itself to catch an unreliable Stagecoach service that is supposed to run hourly. Without any access to public transport, we would be stuck in Conyer with absolutely no access to GP services, Hospitals, Dentists or even general shopping, just as we would not be able to collect medications. All of this was entered into the bus survey by KCC, but just as per normal, the decision had already been made and the meeting recently was just a rubber stamp job. I am very much aware, having proof that KCC have been awarded £35,070,139 to deliver measures set out in the Bus Service Improvement Plan. Where has that money gone and if it has not been allocated to fund rural bus services, what is KCC going to use it on?	12/17/2022 1:47 PM
43	It is more environmentally friendly to use public transport as much as possible which is why we do it. Withdrawing the service will force everyone to use their cars if they have one or taxis if they don't. All leading to the destruction of our precious planet. We're all trying to do our bit but local and national governments are renegeing on their promises and alleged "commitments" to environmental issues	12/17/2022 11:51 AM
44	not personally but graveney is a village of older people some of whom don't drive and need the busto get into town as.. there aren't any shops here additionally some younger people need to get into town to meet up with friends etc.	12/17/2022 11:06 AM
45	I use our bus regularly to get to work. I'm not allowed to drive at the moment for a medical reason and have a pass. I cannot afford a taxi both to and from work, so rely heavily on our bus to catch another bus!	12/17/2022 10:48 AM
46	Need a bus service for the above, if only a couple of days a week.	12/17/2022 9:48 AM
47	If the village bus stops, we have no way of going into town, as taxi are to expensive, we have no family near, they all live over 15 miles away.	12/17/2022 9:42 AM
48	My teenage daughter has no independent means to leave the village for college or social activities. She would catch the bus from Doddington to enable this	12/17/2022 9:18 AM

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49	Transport & access for disabled is poor. Train station is frequently inaccessible with lifts out of action to & from platforms. I had 5 months without a car this year & could only use taxis to get anywhere, when I could afford it. You can't get taxis until after 9.30am due to school runs & have to be home before 2.30pm to account for afternoon school runs makes life very limited. I used volunteer car driver for medical appointments but it all costs money. Now have a car again so my world has opened up. The bank issue is terrible with most nearest branches in Canterbury & don't tell me to use the Post Office which has lengthy queues & limited bank services.	12/17/2022 7:58 AM
50	When I am unable to drive, it will be more difficult	12/17/2022 5:43 AM
51	Buses have been taken off so it leaves the elderly and vulnerable locked in their villages	12/16/2022 6:16 PM
52	It has become impossible to get anywhere from where I live by bus as I used to do. This was first noted when the 3 and 3X bus stopped using London Road bus stops. New houses were built and the routes these two buses I used regularly was changed to using very narrow roads in town to reach an estate well away from where I live. The excuse given then was there was a tree in the way. What nonsense. I looked and there wasn't one. Even people living in Ospringe cannot get a bus as they used to do directly into Maidstone without having to change at Sittingbourne. This side of Faversham has been left in Limbo. We cannot even cross the road without having to cross it to walk down the hill to Ospringe where there is a proper crossing. The other way towards Canterbury there is a bridge for children from Abby School to clamber up but do you expect arthritic kneed OAPs to do that. Or walk to the dangerous new crossroad crossings a mile away where the lights are not in favour of the aged. I have a bus pass but cannot use it.	12/16/2022 12:15 PM
53	Withdrawal of X4 means I have no transport but must use taxi. I cannot walk into town any more. I do not have a car. People who do not have a car have been abandoned.	12/16/2022 10:38 AM
54	A regular service to Canterbury would be used by many, especially for children accessing school without the need to be dropped off by a parent either at a bus stop miles away or taken all the way there. If you work in Canterbury parking is prohibitively expensive and where we live park and ride means you are travelling into a jammed zone to access it.	12/15/2022 11:11 PM
55	Buses should go along A2 between Love lane & Western Link as in the past. I do have a car but it is expensive to run & park. We should all do what we can to be "green" but the bus service is against us, especially in the evening.	12/15/2022 9:02 PM
56	We need a bus service from Lower Road me13 into town and Canterbury there are disabled people and elderly people that can't walk to town ☹️	12/15/2022 4:57 PM
57	If you got rid of the stupid 20mph through town, there wouldn't be as much traffic.	12/15/2022 3:50 PM
58	I avoid buses at 10 am into Canterbury as they are so full. Bring back the service along Lower Road.	12/15/2022 7:49 AM
59	Need a regular bus service many older people live here with no transport	12/15/2022 7:46 AM
60	The cost of the bus is very expensive so for two of us it is still sadly cheaper to drive to Canterbury whereas we'd prefer to be more sustainable.	12/14/2022 7:11 PM
61	No later buses means have to rely on car usage.	12/14/2022 4:57 PM
62	Many elderly people in villages are isolated without a regular bus service.	12/14/2022 3:50 PM
63	Services have been cut from my local area and unless I arrange for home delivery of goods or get a taxi I can't get to the shops and back again with my shopping as the times are too restricting and the only other regular passes are almost as far away from me as the actual shops for instance I would have to walk halfway into town before getting to a bus stop to take me to town. My shopping would be too heavy to walk back with. I have to rely on friends or family to either do my shopping or to take me to appointments. It makes me very isolated.	12/14/2022 3:11 PM
64	Lifts are not big enough only just fit mobility scooter inside very hard to get into and out of on platform lifts break down regularly very unreliable	12/14/2022 5:39 AM
65	As I age these problems will increase leading to unnecessary isolation	12/13/2022 8:53 PM
66	Have always had to be self sufficient. In 40 years of living here there has never been any alternative to walking, cycling or own car. This means we will very reluctantly have to move as	12/13/2022 5:50 PM

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	we get older.	
67	Although I can drive to pretty much anywhere I want to, it would be better for the planet and my health were I to use public transport. There are no bus services through Selling which I would probably use if there were. I do use trains a fair amount although the train service at Selling station is only once an hour and can be unreliable. I also use the Ramsgate-Victoria line from Chilham but a service I frequently use (Ramsgate->Victoria 21:40) has been discontinued this week. There needs to be a higher investment in public transport.	12/13/2022 4:08 PM
68	Bus timetables are always different to website so would be helpful to have the same times showing save waiting at bus stop for 20 minutes!	12/13/2022 1:55 PM
69	Why does the bus service from Doddington not go to Faversham ? It stops at Newnham but could easily go on to Faversham. It goes to Sittingbourn but this takes over 40 minutes for a 5 mile journey	12/13/2022 11:20 AM
70	I believe that there should be a community mini bus running from the town centre via supermarkets to residential areas around the town. To reduce air and noise pollution and traffic issues.	12/13/2022 10:21 AM
71	We should have a mini-bus taxi service, which is bookable and shareable. To pick people up from their homes and return them later. At the same cost as a bus ticket - possible if the bus is electric and can therefore be charged very cheaply. A service is being rolled out like this in Braintree. For the nighttime economy in Faversham it would be a massive boost to offer this local (5 mile?) radius pick up and drop off service. More people would go out to the pubs, restaurants & cinema.	12/13/2022 10:06 AM
72	I will soon be eligible for a bus pass and was planning to use it instead of driving into the town centre instead of driving but as our bus service in Oare has been cancelled, now have no choice but to drive. There are many elderly people in Oare who can't afford taxis so are effectively stranded in the village. Kent Karrier allows them 2 hours/week in town but this is insufficient.	12/13/2022 8:31 AM
73	More buses needed with a reliable service from Faversham to Canterbury	12/13/2022 8:26 AM
74	The village needs a bus as there as no services/shops in the village. The only one was taken away so people who don't have access to car or internet delivery struggle	12/13/2022 7:56 AM
75	Going on the Kent Karrie bus is a life line and helps me feel less lonely and isolated.	12/13/2022 7:19 AM
76	The village now feels like a prison. With no buses, we cannot get out at all. It only needs a bus into Faversham once or twice a day, and back. It is demeaning having to beg from a neighbour with a car in an emergency. We have gone from an hourly service to Canterbury, Sittingbourne and Maidstone provided by Arrive and Stagecoach to nothing whatsoever.	12/13/2022 7:02 AM
77	There need to be more schemes for college student going out of Faversham for disabled students, i have no way to college by phablet transport due to being disabled	12/13/2022 1:23 AM
78	Are the other services available in oare? Would be a good idea if they could be set up	12/12/2022 6:17 PM
79	The cost is so high	12/11/2022 7:28 PM
80	I am reliant on my husband. There are no buses etc that can get me into Faversham to collect meds or buy food	12/11/2022 6:37 PM
81	The school bus route from Doddington to Faversham will not run from January. I won't be able to get to school via public transport anymore. My parents work so it's going to be hard to get to school and back.	12/11/2022 5:49 PM
82	Newnham needs a Faversham school bus.	12/11/2022 5:32 PM
83	There needs to be more frequent and varied services, do this and myself and others would use the services more. As it stands the good bus service between canterbury and faversham was reliable, then costs jumped and the route was extended first to sitting bourne now maidstone, making timetables increasingly unreliable and delays ever longer due to the increase of traffic. Separate the journeys again so those travelling from faversham to canterbury are not beholden on a bus from sitting bourne and vice versa	12/11/2022 5:28 PM
84	Selling lacks any form of transport you isolated and if you are late getting back in the winter A not lighting B you can only carry a small amount of Shopping	12/11/2022 5:23 PM

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85	We are in our 80's and will soon have to give up our car. There is no service from here to Faversham and our doctors, pharmacy and supermarket are in Faversham	12/11/2022 4:11 PM
86	It's very isolating and depressing and my health is suffering as I can't get to appointments	12/11/2022 2:44 PM
87	Bus to and from Canterbury can be unreliable so can end up being late for school or waiting sometimes over an hour for the bus home	12/11/2022 1:38 PM
88	I will be eligible for an oap bus pass soon but there are no bus services that run from this area into town. There are thousands of houses due to be built across the road from me and all the new residents will have the same problem. More buses would mean less cars on the roads, as would better cycle accessibility, which is impossible south of the train tracks, see above	12/11/2022 1:37 PM
89	More free parking in Faversham or less over excitable traffic wardens. Parking tickets threats stop people bothering to come into the town.	12/11/2022 11:57 AM
90	Selling Village needs a bus service to Faversham or Canterbury or from white lion area to Selling station. Would help all including school children	12/11/2022 11:50 AM
91	The town centre is dangerous with unstable stone sets and bikes and scooters wizzing about, can't leave a bike in town as where you could is now taken up with hire bikes which don't seem to move	12/11/2022 11:43 AM
92	I worry about how elderly people & those who cannot drive use public transport. I've seen many walking the country lanes to get to their destinations. In the current below freezing weather, this isn't feasible.	12/11/2022 10:36 AM
93	Starting secondary school in September and buses have been removed. This will cause a lack of independence getting to and from school and increased traffic into Faversham itself.	12/11/2022 8:24 AM
94	Install bicycle wheel channels over the railway bridges and the underpasses to allow cyclists to push their bikes and make cycling more accessible in Faversham.	12/11/2022 7:57 AM