

Councillor Howard Sykes

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Dear Councillor Sykes

RE: Bus Stop Closures

Thank you for contacting Transport for Greater Manchester in relation to the upcoming works on Smallbrook Road in Oldham.

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) only use temporary bus stops when a diversion route takes a significant detour from the original stops. Diversions usually put bus service running times under pressure; this is increased by adding additional stops in locations that are unfamiliar to drivers.

Bus service 403 is unaffected by the works and therefore passengers can board and alight at the regular stops on the route. Bus service 408 will be starting and terminating at the original stops, all stops in-between will be less than 0.2 miles from the original stop.

With regards to Bus service 59, whilst on the Rushcroft estate, the service is unable to serve three stops during the works. First bus has been asked to allow passengers to remain on the bus once it has reached its terminus. When the service resumes, passengers can access the lower part of the estate where the affected stops are located.

TfGM is currently in discussion with officers at the First Manchester Oldham Depot regarding the route that bus service 181/182 will take. We are looking to agree a route that will start on Milnrow Road and encompass the bus stops that are less than 0.2 miles from the stops at Wrens Nest.

I have requested that you to be included in the email distribution list that is in place to inform all stakeholders of the final arrangements that will be confirmed in the coming days.

Once again, thank you for contacting me. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Head of Customer Engagement, Sean Dyball at sean.dyball@tfgm.com

Yours sincerely



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