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Dear Dr Johnson,

Thank you for your letter of 31 August, regarding the recently announced bus recovery funding extension.

I was pleased to read of the positive impact that the additional funding the Government has announced to continue protecting bus services will have in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and I am grateful to you and your officials for the collaborative way that you have engaged with the Department.

We are committed to working with local transport authorities and bus operators as we deliver this additional recovery funding to ensure that it delivers maximum impact and protects as many services as possible. As I hope you will appreciate, my officials are working at pace to define the exact details for the extension, and hope to confirm these with operators and local transport authorities as soon as possible. In the interim, however, I can confirm that the extension is likely to continue on the existing terms and conditions for the Bus Recovery Grant for the first three months of the extension at a minimum. If there are any changes for the second three months until March, we will communicate to local transport authorities and operators any planned changes before they are made.

I would like to assure you that the Department will consider the requests outlined in your letter and will continue to engage with you and your officials as we confirm further details on the extension.



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