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Dear Councillor,

COVENTRY BUS NETWORK REVIEW – REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE

You may have recently read in the press that following discussions with the bus operators and Coventry City Council, Centro has agreed to defer the implementation of the Coventry Bus Network Review until January 29th 2012.

Originally it was intended to implement the new network from 30th October 2011 to coincide with the pedestrianisation of Broadgate. As we moved closer to that date it became clear that uncertainties around revised routes through the City Centre as a result of this work was making it very difficult to develop new timetables. Deferring the review will therefore allow operators to properly assess the reliability and running time of routes through the City Centre after the closure of Broadgate and will give us more confidence that the revised routes in place from January 29th will be able to operate reliably.

The changes to routes on the 29th January will be a result of the in depth consultation process undertaken earlier this year and deferring the Review gives us an additional opportunity to discuss the proposed changes in more detail with stakeholders before they are implemented. To that end we have offered to attend Ward Forums across the City between now and the end of the year to update you on our discussions with operators and capture any further local feedback that you may have ahead of services being implemented.

The closure of Broadgate from 30th October and the preceding temporary closures of Burges and part of Hales Street from 3rd October will of course lead to some unavoidable changes to routes and stops within the City Centre in October and we will be working with operators and the City Council to ensure those are well advertised within the next couple of weeks.

If you have any queries in the meantime regarding the Network Review or public transport matters generally please contact me via Centro Customer Relations: customerrelations@centro.org.uk or 0121 214 7214.

Yours sincerely

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