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To: Raewyn Curran

Subject: Re: Arriva/Sovereign Merger Inquiry

Dear Raewyn,

Thank you for these comments and the opportunity to contribute to the Inquiry.

The County Council has studied the provisional findings and we consider that you have reached a fair and balanced conclusion taking into account all of the evidence and data. I appreciate that the view was not unanimous and I recognise the different factors to consider in this case.

One of our initial concerns was that investment in vehicles by Sovereign in Hertfordshire, in some cases assisted by the County Council, should be protected as far as possible. We do not wish to see these vehicles reallocated across the country. I am reassured by Arriva's comments to us but any assistance to reaffirm this would be appreciated.

Can I take this opportunity to thank the Commission and its staff for their thoroughness and understanding in dealing with some complex issues.

Yours sincerely,

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