**BCC report changes planned by Arriva to the Bus Service 60 / X60 bus service from 28th July.**

***BCC states:***

*Following the launch of the direct “X60” route between Milton Keynes, Buckingham and Aylesbury in 2014 Arriva continued to divert some journeys off the faster route to the villages of Granborough, North Marston, Oving and Maids Moreton. Passenger numbers were always low from these points and the longer journey made the main service less attractive and harder to promote.*

*Arriva are going to withdraw all route 60 journeys and replace these with more direct X60 journeys. They are also increasing the current frequency to offer a regular half  hourly service along the whole route.*

*Arriva explained that focusing on the main route is necessary if the service is to continue to grow and plan to run all journeys along the X60 route and not via the smaller villages. They have shared boarding data with the Public Transport team and we can understand the rationale behind their decision - numbers travelling from these villages are very low.*

*Our intention is to provide alternatives for the four villages affected so that they will still have a regular bus service. We are currently reviewing other contracted services in the area along with the passenger loading data. We will also carry out some service observations this month to check the figures provided. We believe the small numbers of school pupils catching service 60 from the affected points will be able use alternative school services.*

**The current service decision has been made but please write in and state your concerns as soon as you can to help ensure there is an alternative village bus service that works for our community.**

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