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Cllr Ranjit Banwait Council Leader Derby City Council Council House Corporation Street Derby DE1 2FS

Dear Mr Banwait,

Proposed Changes to Derby City Council Electoral Cycle

I understand that there are proposed changes to the Derby City Council electoral cycle.

Arriva employs around 250 people in Derby and our sister company, Cross Country Trains, has a sizeable workforce as well. We transport a significant number of local residents around the City on a daily basis. As a result we are keen to ensure that Derby has a strong economy and well supported local communities.

It is our view that this can be better achieved with more certain timescales for medium term planning and to this end would support the proposal to introduce an electoral cycle that was every 4 years. This would allow greater stability and less short term thinking.

We want the City to be even more successful and believe that this is one way in which that can be achieved.

Yours sincerely

Simon Mathieson

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