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Dear Mr Davey

**THE ANTICIPATED ACQUISITION BY ARRIVA PLC OF THE HERTFORDSHIRE
BUS OPERATIONS OF SOVEREIGN BUS AND COACH COMPANY LTD**

Thank you for your letter of 12 August 2004.

As Sovereign Bus and Coach Co Ltd has never operated local services in Essex (apart from one service which just crossed the County boundary) and is not or ever has been on our tender list, I do not think we have any views on the proposed acquisition.

Yours sincerely

David Whiteside
Passenger Transport Group Manager

