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HERTFORDSHIRE
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Dear Mr Davey

Thank you for your invitation to comment on the anticipated acquisition by Arriva plc of the Hertfordshire bus operations of the Sovereign Bus and Coach Company Ltd. Until receipt of your letter we were unaware of this proposal and at present have no view whatsoever other than a concern that the bus services in the county are improved.

In the time available it is impossible for us to give a considered response and therefore any such response can only be superficial. This is not a course we would choose to take. If in the future you would like to direct specific questions in relation to this matter please feel free to do so. I can be contacted on timhutchings@hertschamber.com.

Yours sincerely

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