

Appendix 2

Responses to consultation on East Sussex County Council's proposed Post-16 Transport Statement 2019-2020

Comments were sought on any aspect of the proposed statement.

6 comments were received via the online survey and these are set out below:

- 1) Post 16 education transport should be free - especially when there is no other choice and in our case no public transport as the buses have been cut so much in a rural area even though we live on the A21.
Oh yes the A21 that seems be forgotten as a road with the Highways agency.
I think a better name is the "route de pothole."
- 2) Transportation costs are astronomical. There should be provision in place for students that have to attend 6th Form College far from home to be able to get free travel. Seeing as young people MUST stay in some sort of education now why would rail companies be allowed to charge full price to young people when they are going to school. I know they can get a card which allows 30% off but that isn't enough when you are paying over £30 a week for transportation costs!
- 3) Travel should be subsidised or free for children in further education. Some children have to travel everyday across the county to reach their college/6th form. Children (and their families) should not be disadvantaged in their choice of further education by having to pay extortionate travel costs.
Costs are rising for families with cuts to so many services, cuts in wages in real time and other higher costs mean that even for families considered to be in a 'good' income bracket may struggle to cover the cost of transport.
- 4) I need transport for my daughter to attend sixth form college at Grove Park as both me and my husband work. Why provide such a specialist placement if the students can't get there.
- 5) Young people with complex medical conditions often accompanied by physical or mental disabilities are usually unable to travel independently. Without council transport the responsibility lies with the parents which can be financially, or challenging if working or difficult if parent has health problems.
- 6) As a college welcome a Post 15 Transport Policy as this gives students the opportunity to access education and training.

We have seen over the last couple of years the price of the Freedom Ticket go up and it is currently at £17. We welcome the Freedom Ticket provision as it provides travel throughout East Sussex on any bus service. We feel that the current price of the ticket is sufficient and if it goes up then it will start to cause financial implications on the young persons and their parents/guardian. We use the Bursary provision to provide travel payments to students who meet the eligibility.

ESCC offer a good provision for students who live in hard to reach places.