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*Dear Baroness Scott*

## **BUS SERVICES BILL – PUBLIC SERVICES (SOCIAL VALUE) ACT 2012**

I would like to thank you for taking part in the debate on the Bus Services Bill at its committee stage on 29<sup>th</sup> June. You raised a specific point in relation to the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, querying whether references can be made in the guidance that will be produced to compliment the Bus Services Bill.

My understanding is that the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires authorities who commission certain public services to think about matters relating to securing wider social, economic and environmental benefits in the context of procurement.

I agree that it would be useful to use the guidance that will accompany the Bus Services Bill to refer to the duty that the Public Services (Social Value) 2012 places on authorities in certain circumstance and to give some guidance on the approach to be taken in relation to procurement activities not covered by the Act. I will set work in hand within the Department to consider how best to achieve this.

I am copying this letter to opposition front bench colleagues in the House.

I have placed a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses

*Yours sincerely,  
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**LORD (TARIQ) AHMAD OF WIMBLEDON**