

Due to the latest road closure in Trimley St Martin buses were obliged, through no fault of their own, to use the diversion imposed by Highways which was Howlett Way, A14, then coming off at Seven Hills ( and vice versa).

All six of our stops were out of service for the duration of the road closure.

As no notices were forthcoming from SCC we put up our own to inform our residents on their nearest stop which was in service.

Unfortunately missed stops in the Levington district did not have such notices. Whether this was because Levington PC were not informed of the road closure, or assumed SCC would deal with notices, or it hadn't occurred to them to do their own, I don't know but fortunately the matter regarding the lack of information was spotted by our chairperson as they saw some poor potential bus passenger waiting at a stop not in service.

I subsequently contacted First Bus Co to see if they could rectify the situation and put notices up -- even though it was not their responsibility to do so --. Notices were in place within 24 hours as First are fully aware waiting for SCC to agree it's their responsibility or to do anything so quickly is out of the question.

As always, such matters as above requiring a bit more thought than what the text book rules/regulations states seem to be off SCCs radar.

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