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Dear Mr Heaton-Harris

Thank you for your e-mail enquiry about the 200 bus service between Daventry and Banbury. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

The Council has been subsidising this service on a short-term contract which ends on 14 January 2023. Oxfordshire County Council have this week advised us that they will then subsidise the service until 2 April 2023. After that the two Councils will have to decide what is appropriate in the longer-term.

As a Council we are looking at the bus strategy for rural networks. This is due to report back in the New Year and we will continue to work with Town and Parish Councils to see whether community transport can offer an alternative. Sadly with huge financial pressures this year and next on budgets and services, especially those serving vulnerable children and adults, we may not be in a position to offer any financial support to the bus companies.

I am sorry that I cannot provide a more positive response but hope the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Henstock'.

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