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Dear Sir/Madam,

Cambridgeshire County Council, like all local authorities, is facing a very difficult future economically due to the national recession, and as a result all services are required to make significant budget savings over the next 3 financial years. In Libraries this means saving more than £2 million, more than a quarter of our total budget.

Whilst we are doing our best to minimize the impact on front line public services, it will be impossible to make this level of savings without some reductions.

We have put forward a range of proposals for transforming services to meet budget savings including increasing income, cutting costs, exploring new ways of working with local communities, and plans to reduce the cost of the mobile library service by £108,000 in each of the next two financial years. This has involved a major review of the frequency of stops, the location of vehicles, the numbers of staff and their working patterns. These proposals were agreed by County Councillors at their Cabinet meeting on 5th July 2010.

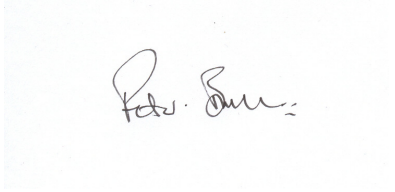
Councillors were very keen that services still be continued, especially in rural areas, rather than being cut to meet the savings needed. I am pleased to inform you that the Mobile Service will continue to visit all the communities currently served on either a monthly or (for busiest stops with most need) bi-monthly basis.

We now have the full details of the service proposed for your community. Mobile Library staff have looked very carefully at the use made of the service and the needs within communities, and have designed a completely new set routes for a reduced number of vehicles and staff. Attached are the relevant routes for your area and our Mobile Library Manager, Ally Clarke, would welcome your comments on these as soon as possible please, by 16th August 2010 at the latest. We hope to have the new timetables in place for October 2010.

Comments may be sent to Ally Clarke, Mobile Libraries Manager, Ascham Site, Ascham Road, Cambridge CB4 2BD, emailed to ally.clarke@cambridgeshire.gov.uk; or telephone 01223 718356

If you wish to comment on the reductions to the Mobile Library Service please contact your local County Councillor - the Mobile Library staff have a complete list of Councillors and can help you find the contact details.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Brown", is centered on a light-colored rectangular background.

**Cllr Sir Peter Brown,
Cabinet Member for Communities**

