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To whom it may concern,

OCC Decisions Meeting (27/02/2025) - Cabinet Member for Transport Management

I supported the restriction on large coaches over 12 metres in length being banned from Priory Lane. I have often seen their inconsiderate parking and waiting with their engine running.

However, I have since become aware that Burford Town Council still want to accommodate these very large vehicles in Burford, even though there is not another suitable coach park and the roads are not designed to accommodate them.

Specifically, the BTC are proposing a drop off and pick up with stays not exceeding 20 minutes for 15 metre coaches on Sheep Street. Without rigid enforcement the coaches would remain parked as they do in Priory Lane, with engines running, causing a noise nuisance and pollution.

Sheep Street, a narrow residential road with a narrow pavement on one side is not a safe or suitable location for these large vehicles or their passengers. Access to residents' driveways by car would be difficult and pedestrians' safety would be at risk when accessing homes or the Doctor's Surgery as they cross from the pavement from behind coaches. The exit route for coaches along Sheep Street which has busy parking on both sides and only room for one vehicle to pass at a time would lead to further obstruction and congestion. This is only a brief and not complete list of the unsuitability of Sheep Street.

I feel it is disingenuous of Burford Town Council to seek the restriction on large coaches in Priory Lane to then separately propose moving them to another unsuitable location as a fait accompli to those being affected.

Kind regards

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