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Changes to bus routes in **Dudley & Sandwell**

from 2nd September 2018



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Following an extensive public consultation, we are making a number of changes to bus routes in the Dudley and Sandwell area from **Sunday 2nd September 2018**.

This will include minor changes, such as timetable improvements, to help our services run more reliably. There are also some bigger changes to cater for new and emerging travel needs, to help us overcome increasing traffic congestion and slower traffic speeds around busier areas.

New express services and new links will be introduced, with our Platinum buses able to serve more areas, including Blackheath, Oldbury and Smethwick.

Many route numbers will change to create a new Dudley and Sandwell network, helping to create a new local identity for Dudley's buses.

This booklet contains route by route information about these changes, and new maps for selected services. This information along with timetables is available to view and download online, at nxbus.co.uk/dudley

Changes will be made to the following routes from Sunday 2nd September 2018:

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 4H | Hayley Green & Halesowen to Walsall | 222 | Dudley to Merry Hill |
| 9 | Stourbridge to Birmingham | 241 | Dudley to Halesowen |
| 13 | Dudley to Walsall | 243 | Dudley to Merry Hill |
| 27 & 27A | Dudley to Wolverhampton | 244 | QE Hospital to Dudley |
| 82 | Dudley to Wolverhampton | 246 | Dudley to Stourbridge |
| 120 | Dudley to Birmingham | 255 & 255A | Wolverhampton to Merry Hill |
| 120A | Blackheath to Birmingham | 256 & 256S | Wolverhampton to Stourbridge |
| 121 | Dudley to West Bromwich | 257 | Dudley to Stourbridge |
| 126 | Birmingham to Wolverhampton | 276 | Dudley to Wollaston |
| 127 | Birmingham to Dudley | 289 | Merry Hill to West Bromwich |
| 128 | Birmingham to Oldbury | X10 | Pensnett & Merry Hill to Birmingham |
| 129 | Birmingham to Merry Hill | X96 | Wrens Nest to Wollaston Farm |
| 140 | Dudley to Birmingham | | |
| 205 | Dudley to Kingswinford & Wall Heath | | |


Route 4H will have some changes made to the timetable

4H Hayley Green & Halesowen to Walsall via West Bromwich

- ▶ Times will change to buses during the evenings and on Sundays.
- ▶ No changes will be made to the route.

Route 9 will have some changes made to the timetable

9 Stourbridge to Birmingham via Halesowen

- ▶ Times will be changed to improve the reliability of this service.
 - ▶ No changes will be made to the route.
 - ▶ In conjunction with the new X8 & X10, buses will run up to **every 5 minutes** along Hagley Road between Quinton and Birmingham.
-  ▶ We'll be offering a more reliable timetable, with extra time added to allow buses to recover more easily from delays.
- ▶ Better spaced buses along Hagley Road - now up to **every 5 minutes**.

Route 13 will be known by a new number

13 → **11A** Dudley to Walsall via Wednesbury Oak Road & Myvod

- ▶ The 13 route between Dudley and Walsall will not change; this service will instead be known as the 11A, and will run alongside the 11 from Dudley to Walsall.
- ▶ Services 11 & 11A will continue to run up to **every 10 minutes** between Dudley, Wednesbury and Walsall.

Routes 27 & 27A will have some changes made to the timetable

27 **27A** Dudley to Wolverhampton via Sedgley

- ▶ Times will be changed to improve reliability.
- ▶ No changes will be made to the routes.

Route 82 will have some changes made to the timetable

82 Dudley to Wolverhampton via Bilston

- ▶ Times will be changed to improve reliability.
- ▶ No changes will be made to the route.

Route 120, 121 & 120A will be replaced with new, modified routes



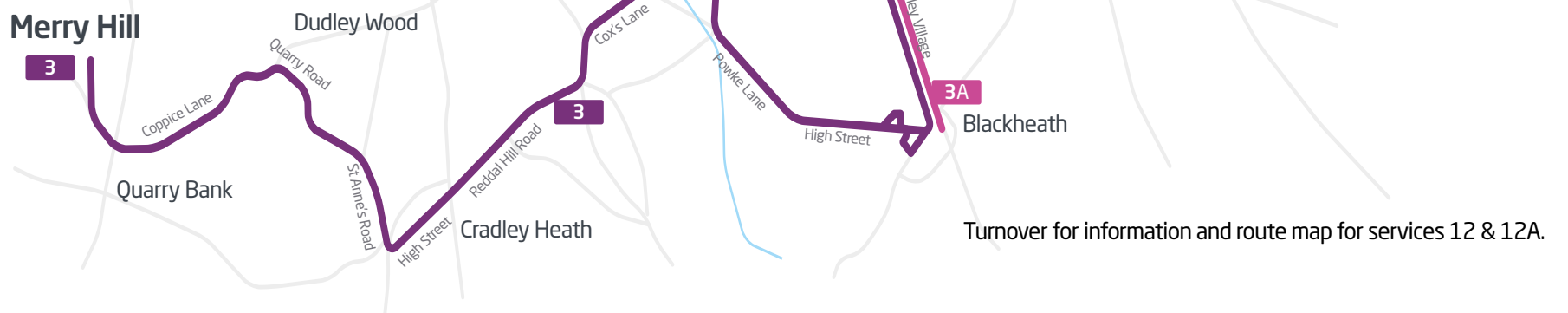
3 West Bromwich to Merry Hill via Portway Road & Blackheath

3A West Bromwich to Blackheath via Stuart Road

- ▶ The new 3 & 3A will replace the 289 between West Bromwich and Merry Hill, and the 120A between Oldbury and Blackheath.
- ▶ Buses will run up to **every 15 minutes** between West Bromwich and Blackheath and **every 30 minutes** to Merry Hill.
- ▶ Rowley Regis Hospital will not be served directly by the 3, but will continue to be served by the 4M, running up to **every 20 minutes**.
- ▶ The new 12 & 12A will replace the 120A between Oldbury and Birmingham.

- 😊 ▶ Buses through Lion Farm will now be better spaced - up to **every 15 minutes**.
- ▶ **More buses** will run from Lion Farm to West Bromwich.
- ▶ All buses from Oldbury to Lion Farm will stop on the same side of the road in Oldbury (outside the library).

- ☹ ▶ Passengers travelling from Lion Farm to Birmingham will need to change buses in Oldbury.



Turnover for information and route map for services 12 & 12A.

Routes 120 & 121 will be replaced with new, modified routes

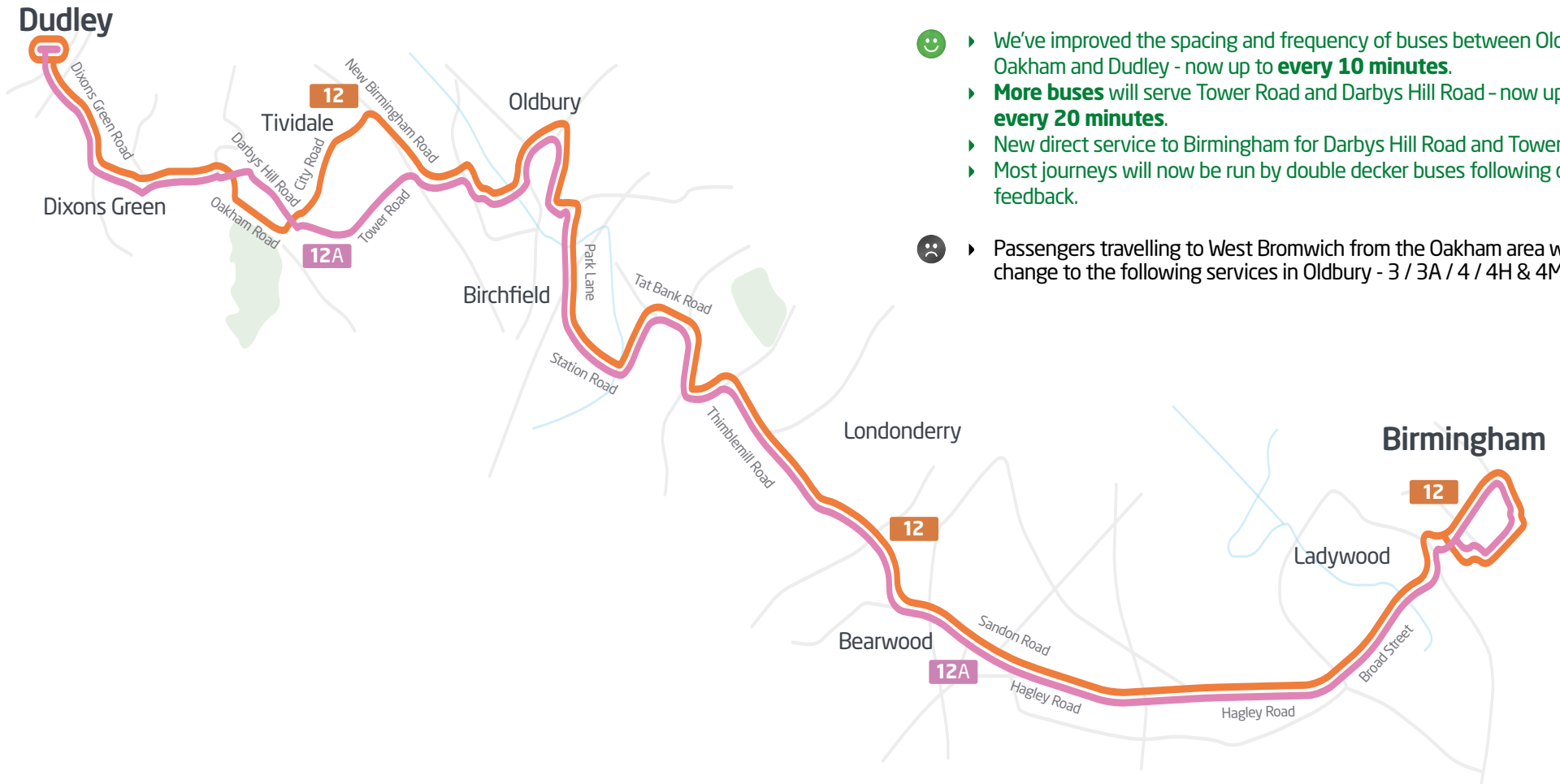


12 Dudley to Birmingham via City Road

12A Dudley to Birmingham via Tower Road

- ▶ The new 12 & 12A will replace the 120 between Dudley and Birmingham, the 121 between Dudley and Oldbury and the 120A between Oldbury and Birmingham.
- ▶ Between Oldbury and Birmingham, the 12 & 12A will run along the current 120 route.
- ▶ Between Oldbury and Dudley, the 12 will run along City Road and the 12A along Darbys Hill Road and Tower Road.
- ▶ Buses will run **more often** between Dudley, Oakham and Oldbury - up to **every 10 minutes**.
- ▶ Buses will still run up to **every 10 minutes** between Oldbury, Langley and Birmingham.

- 😊 ▶ We've improved the spacing and frequency of buses between Oldbury, Oakham and Dudley - now up to **every 10 minutes**.
- ▶ **More buses** will serve Tower Road and Darbys Hill Road - now up to **every 20 minutes**.
- ▶ New direct service to Birmingham for Darbys Hill Road and Tower Road.
- ▶ Most journeys will now be run by double decker buses following customer feedback.
- ☹ ▶ Passengers travelling to West Bromwich from the Oakham area will need to change to the following services in Oldbury - 3 / 3A / 4 / 4H & 4M.



Route 126 will change, with two new express services being introduced



126 Birmingham to Dudley via Bearwood

- ▶ The 126 will now run between Birmingham and Dudley only.
 - ▶ To improve the reliability of this service, it will no longer run to Wolverhampton. This section of the route will be served by the new X7 & X8.
- 😊 ▶ We've shortened the route to improve the reliability of this service.
- ▶ New services X7 & X8 will run **every 10 minutes** between Wolverhampton and Dudley, and then provide an express service to Birmingham city centre.
- ☹️ ▶ Some passengers travelling across Dudley will need to change buses in Dudley to the X7 or X8.

X7 Wolverhampton to Birmingham via Dudley & City Hospital

- ▶ The new X7 will replace the 126 between Wolverhampton and Dudley, and provide a new express service from Dudley to Birmingham.
 - ▶ Buses will run up to **every 20 minutes**, and will start and finish at Colmore Row in Birmingham city centre.
 - ▶ Between Dudley and Birmingham, the X7 will run via New Birmingham Road, Wolverhampton Road, Portway Road, Oldbury Interchange, Oldbury Road, Cranford Street and Dudley Road, serving City Hospital.
 - ▶ Buses between Wolverhampton and Dudley, will continue to run up to **every 10 minutes** in combination with the new X8.
 - ▶ To reduce journey times, not every bus stop will be served between Dudley and Birmingham. Buses will stop at Dudley Bus Station, Castle Gate, Burnt Tree (Tesco), Regent Road, City Road, Florence Road, Newbury Lane, Rounds Green Road (Chapel Street), Oldbury Interchange, Birmingham Road (motorway bridge), Spon Croft, Smethwick Galton Bridge Station, Smethwick Regent Street (for Smethwick High Street), Crocketts Lane, Dudley Road/Heath Street, Dudley Road/City Hospital, Spring Hill Island (Tesco), Charlotte Street and then all stops to Colmore Row.
 - ▶ Platinum buses will serve most X7 journeys, offering comfier seats, extra legroom, free wifi and USB charging points.
- 😊 ▶ New **express link** between Birmingham, Smethwick, Oldbury and Dudley.
- ▶ New, **fast links** from City Hospital to Oldbury, Dudley and Wolverhampton.

X8 Wolverhampton to Birmingham via Dudley & Blackheath

- ▶ The new X8 will replace the 126 between Wolverhampton and Dudley and the 140 between Dudley and Birmingham.
 - ▶ To reduce journey times, not every bus stop will be served between Quinton and Birmingham. The stops that will be served are the same as those served by the X10.
 - ▶ Buses will run up to **every 20 minutes**, meaning there will be **more buses** for passengers between Dudley, Springfield, Blackheath and Birmingham.
 - ▶ Buses between Wolverhampton and Dudley will continue to run up to **every 10 minutes** in combination with the new X7.
 - ▶ Platinum buses will serve most X8 journeys, offering comfier seats, extra legroom, free wifi and USB charging points.
- 😊 ▶ **More buses** between Dudley, Springfield, Blackheath and Birmingham.
- ▶ **More faster buses** will run along Hagley Road. Combined with the X10, fast buses will run up to **every 10 minutes** between Quinton and Birmingham.

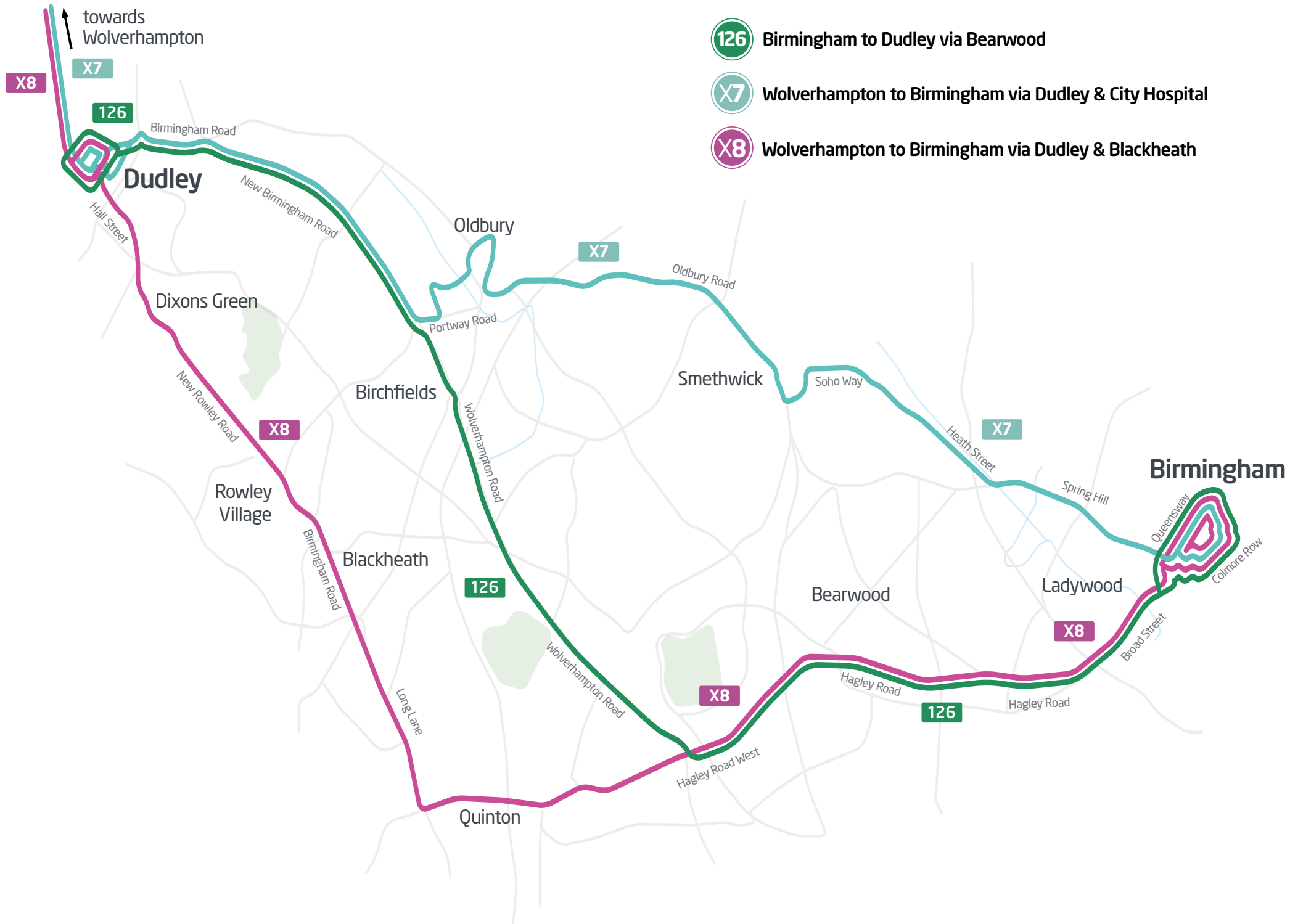
If you are travelling between Dudley & Birmingham the quickest options to choose are the new X7 & X8, which are express services.

Dudley bus station:

X7 & X8 departs from stand D
126 departs from stand E

Birmingham Colmore Row:

X7 departs from stand SH3
X8 departs from stand SH2
126 departs from stand SH1



126 Birmingham to Dudley via Bearwood

X7 Wolverhampton to Birmingham via Dudley & City Hospital

X8 Wolverhampton to Birmingham via Dudley & Blackheath

Route 127 will be replaced with new, modified routes



13A Blackheath to Birmingham via Brandhall & Warley

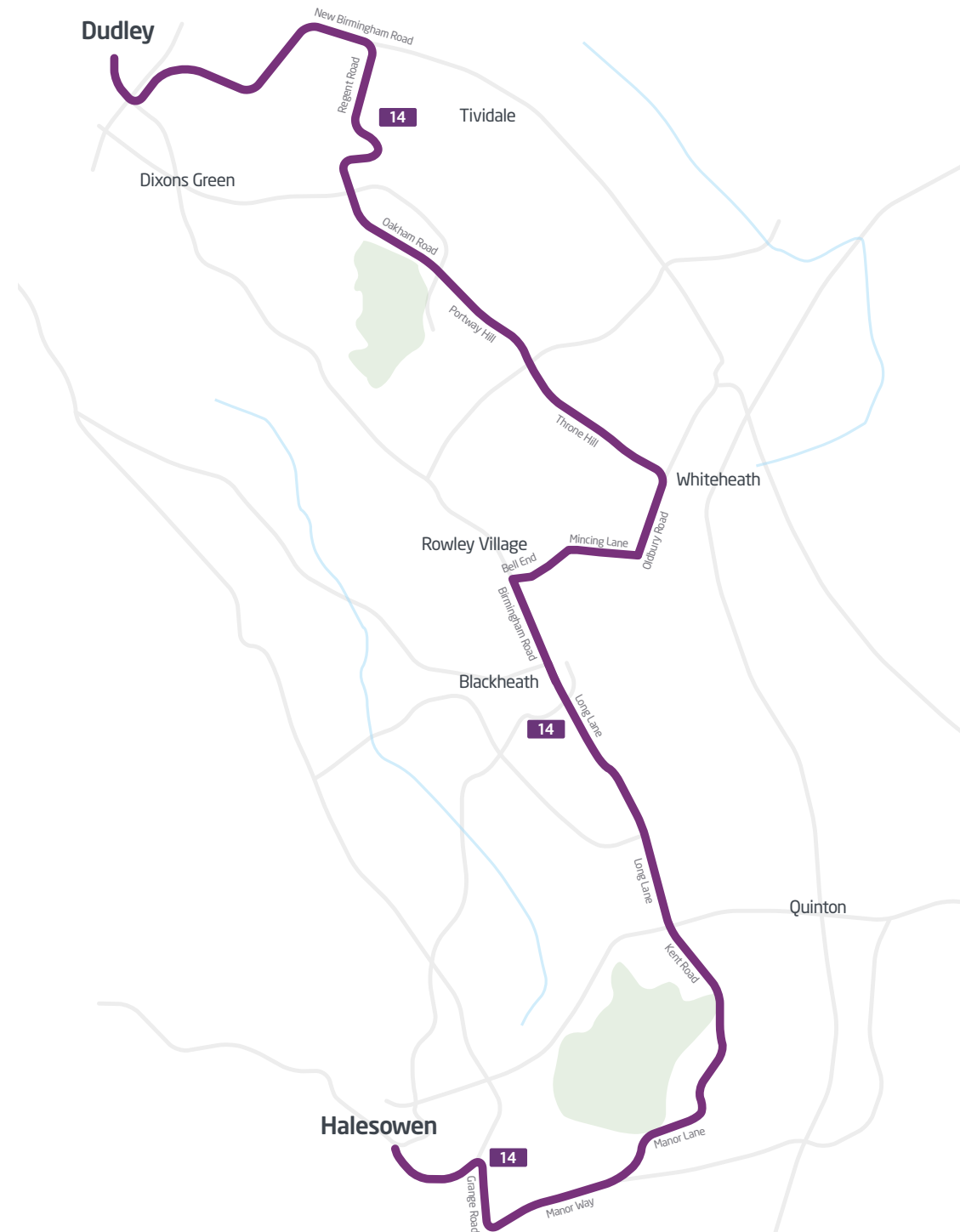
- ▶ The new 13A will replace the 127 between Birmingham, Brandhall and Blackheath only. Between Blackheath and Dudley, the 127 will be replaced by the new 14.
- ▶ In Blackheath, buses will run along Hurst Green Road, Fairfield Road, Nimmings Road and Long Lane to Blackheath Sainsbury's.
- ▶ Services 13 / 13A / 13B combined will continue to run up to **every 10 minutes** between Warley and Birmingham.

 ▶ Buses will be more evenly spaced between Warley and Blackheath on the 13A & 13B, running up to **every 20 minutes** combined.

14 Dudley to Halesowen via Blackheath

- ▶ The new 14 will replace the 241 between Blackheath and Halesowen, and the 127 between Dudley and Blackheath.
- ▶ Buses will run up to **every 30 minutes**.

 ▶ Following feedback from customers, Mincing Lane and Bell End will still be served by the new 14.



Route 128 will be known by a new number

 →  **Oldbury to Birmingham via Warley**


- ▶ The 128 route between Birmingham and Oldbury will not change; this service will instead be known as the new 13.
- ▶ Services 13 / 13A / 13B combined will continue to run up to **every 10 minutes** between Warley and Birmingham.


 ▶ **More buses** from Warley to Oldbury on the 13 - now **every 20 minutes**.

Route 129 will be replaced with a new, modified route


 →  **Blackheath to Birmingham via Pound Road & Warley**

- ▶ The new 13B will replace the 129 between Birmingham and Blackheath, running via Pound Road and Grafton Road.
- ▶ Between Blackheath and Merry Hill, the 129 will be replaced by a change to Diamond Bus' service 24.
- ▶ When combined, services 13 / 13A / 13B will continue to run up to **every 10 minutes** between Warley and Birmingham.
- ▶ In Blackheath, buses will run along Hurst Green Road, Fairfield Road, Nimmings Road and Long Lane to Blackheath Sainsbury's.

 ▶ **Evenly spaced buses** between Warley and Blackheath on the 13A & 13B - now **every 20 minutes** combined.

 ▶ National Express West Midlands will no longer run the 129 between Blackheath and Merry Hill. This section of the route will be served by Diamond Bus' 24 service.

Route 140 will be replaced with a new, modified route


 →  **Wolverhampton to Birmingham via Dudley & Blackheath**

- ▶ The new X8 will replace the 140 between Dudley and Birmingham, and the 126 between Wolverhampton and Dudley.
- ▶ To reduce journey times, not every bus stop will be served between Quinton and Birmingham. The stops that will be served are the same as those served by the X10.
- ▶ Buses will run up to **every 20 minutes**, meaning there will be more buses for passengers between Dudley, Springfield, Blackheath and Birmingham.
- ▶ Buses between Wolverhampton and Dudley will continue to run up to **every 10 minutes** in combination with the new X7.
- ▶ Platinum buses will serve most X8 journeys, offering premium comfort with higher back rests, extra legroom, free wifi and USB charging points.

 ▶ **More buses** will run between Dudley, Springfield, Blackheath and Birmingham.

▶ **More fast buses** will run along Hagley Road. Combined with the X10, fast buses will run up to **every 10 minutes** between Quinton and Birmingham.

Route 205 will be known by a new number

 →  **Dudley to Kingswinford & Wall Heath**

- ▶ The route between Dudley, Kingswinford and Wall Heath will not change; this service will instead be known as the 5.
- ▶ The frequency of this service will be reduced, with buses running up to **every 60 minutes**, due to very low customer demand.
- ▶ Buses will coordinate with the X10, to provide a service approximately **every 30 minutes** for most of the day, between Russells Hall Hospital and Pensnett.

Route 222 will be replaced with new, modified routes



2 Dudley to Merry Hill via Pensnett Road

2A Dudley to Merry Hill via Wallows Road

- ▶ The 222 route between Dudley and Merry Hill will not change; this service will instead be known as the 2, and will run alongside the new 2A.
- ▶ The new 2A will follow the same route, but will divert along Dudley Road and Wallows Road in the Brierley Hill area.
- ▶ Times of this service will change.


 ▶ New 2A will serve Wallows Road, following requests from customers.

Route 241 will be replaced with a new, modified route

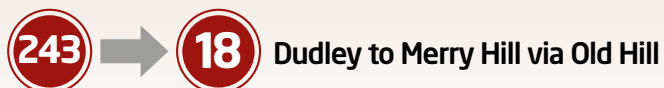


- ▶ The new 14 will replace the 241 between Blackheath and Halesowen, and the 127 between Dudley and Blackheath.
- ▶ Buses will run up to **every 30 minutes**.

 ▶ Following feedback from customers, Mincing Lane and Bell End will still be served by the new 14.

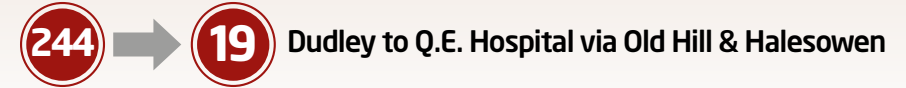
 ▶ Buses will no longer link Springfield and Halesowen directly; the 14 will run along Portway Hill, Throne Road and Oldbury Road. Passengers for Halesowen will need to change buses in Quinton or Blackheath.

Route 243 will be known by a new number



- ▶ The 243 route between Dudley and Merry Hill will not change; this service will instead be known as the 18.
- ▶ There will be no changes to the route or timetable.

Route 244 will be known by a new number



- ▶ The 244 route between Dudley and QE Hospital will not change; this service will instead be known as the 19.
- ▶ There will be no changes to the route or timetable.

Route 246 will be known by a new number



- ▶ The 246 route between Dudley and Stourbridge will not change; this service will instead be known as the 6.
- ▶ There will be no changes to the route or timetable.

Routes 255 & 255A will be known by new numbers

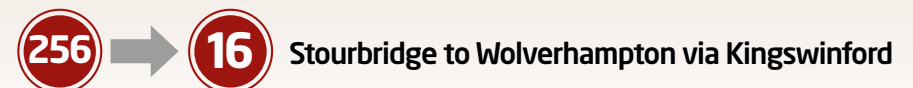


15 Merry Hill to Wolverhampton via Kingswinford

15A Merry Hill to Wolverhampton via Kingswinford

- ▶ The 255 & 255A routes between Merry Hill and Wolverhampton will not change; these services will instead be known as the 15 & 15A.
- ▶ There will be no changes to the route or timetable on either service.

Route 256 will be known by a new number



- ▶ The 256 route between Stourbridge and Wolverhampton will not change; this service will instead be known as the 16.
- ▶ There will be no changes to the route or timetable.

Route 257 will be known by a new number



- ▶ The 257 route between Stourbridge and Dudley will not change; this service will instead be known as the 17.
- ▶ There will be no changes to the route or timetable.





Route 276 will be known by a new number



- ▶ The 276 route between Dudley and Wollaston will not change; this service will instead be known as the 7.
- ▶ There will be minor changes to times.

Route 289 will be replaced with new, modified routes








- ▶ The 3 & 3A will replace the 289 between West Bromwich and Merry Hill, and the 120A between Oldbury and Blackheath.
- ▶ Buses will run up to **every 15 minutes** between West Bromwich and Blackheath, and **every 30 minutes** to Merry Hill.
- ▶ Rowley Regis Hospital will not be served directly by the 3, but will continue to be served by the 4M, running up to **every 20 minutes**.
-  ▶ Buses through Lion Farm will now be better spaced - up to **every 15 minutes**.
-  ▶ **More buses** will run from Lion Farm to West Bromwich.
-  ▶ All buses from Oldbury to Lion Farm will stop on the same side of the road in Oldbury (outside the library).
-  ▶ Passengers travelling from Lion Farm to Birmingham will need to change buses in Oldbury.

Route X10 will be extended and have changes made to the timetable



- ▶ The X10 route will be extended from Merry Hill to Gornal Wood, via Brierley Hill and Russells Hall Hospital
- ▶ The X10 will directly link Gornal Wood with Merry Hill, replacing the link previously provided by the 297.
- ▶ **More direct buses** will run between Halesowen and Russells Hall Hospital.
- ▶ Between Birmingham and Halesowen, the X10 will still be a limited stop service, but some stops will be changed. Fountain Road will no longer be served by the X10 due to low usage, but will be served by the 9, 12, 12A & 126.
- ▶ A new stop will be added at Clive Road, between Quinton and Bearwood.
- ▶ The X10 will combine with the new X8 to provide a fast service along Hagley Road, running up to every 10 minutes.
- ▶ In combination, the X8, 9 & X10 buses will coordinate to run up to **every 5 minutes** along Hagley Road, providing regular links to Birmingham.

-  ▶ **More fast buses** along Hagley Road - up to **every 10 minutes** on the X8 & X10.
-  ▶ **New links** to Merry Hill, Russells Hall Hospital, Brierley Hill and Birmingham for Gornal Wood.
-  ▶ There will be **more direct buses** between Halesowen and Russells Hall Hospital.
-  ▶ A new stop will be added at Clive Road.

-  ▶ Fountain Road stop will no longer be served by the X10.

Please visit our website for our new X10 map: www.nxbus.co.uk/dudley

Route X96 will be known by a new number



- ▶ The X96 route between Wrens Nest and Wollaston Farm will not change; this service will instead be known as the 8.
- ▶ There will be no changes to the route or timetable.

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