



Walsall & Wolverhampton

Have your say on proposed changes to bus services

Changes in travel patterns and increases in traffic congestion have meant that we have reviewed some of the services that we operate in Walsall & Wolverhampton. Changes would be made during summer 2016. Feedback from customers, staff and other stakeholders has been considered in developing proposals for a revised network of bus routes and now we'd like your views - good or bad!

SERVICE	PROPOSED CHANGE	KEY BENEFITS & CHANGES	SPECIFIC ASPECT FOR CONSULTATION	
4 4H 4M	Walsall to Blackheath Walsall to Halesowen Walsall to Merry Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timetable changed to improve reliability, with extra bus added. More buses on 4M to Merry Hill - frequency increased to every 20 minutes. Route between Blackheath and Halesowen changed to run along Coombs Road rather than Lodgefield Road to standardise route with Diamond 4H. Combined with new X10 to provide a 10 minute frequency between Merry Hill, Cradley Heath and Old Hill. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More buses to and from Merry Hill. 10 minute frequency between Merry Hill, Cradley Heath and Old Hill with X10. Fewer delays. 	<p>Should the route of the 4H between Blackheath and Halesowen be along Coombs Road or Lodgefield Road?</p> <p>Passenger numbers using Lodgefield Road are low and the route is different to the Diamond Bus operated 4H. Using Coombs Road instead would improve journey times and mean that buses no longer have to make the difficult turn from Gorsty Hill Road to and from Lodgefield Road.</p>
8 89 (9)	Walsall to Pelsall Walsall to Wolverhampton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 89 renumbered 9. More buses on service 9 - to run every 20 minutes. Route changed on 9 to serve Bentley Bridge Retail Park between Wednesfield and Wolverhampton. 9 to run directly along Wolverhampton Road in Pelsall. Will no longer serve Wood Lane, Trevor Road or Highfield Road North due to problems with large buses accessing these roads. 8 changed to run every 20 minutes. Extra time added at peak periods to improve reliability on 8 and 9. Route change in Walsall town centre. Journeys towards Walsall to use Hatherton Road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More buses between Walsall, High Heath, Pelsall, Bloxwich and Wolverhampton on 9. New links to Bentley Bridge - buses every 20 minutes. New timetable on the 8 to improve reliability - especially at peak times. 	<p>Should the route of the 9 in Pelsall be changed to run directly along Wolverhampton Road, rather than along Wood Lane, Trevor Road and Highfield Road North?</p> <p>Operating directly along Wolverhampton Road would improve journey times and mean that buses no longer have to make the difficult turns from Wolverhampton Road to and from Wood Lane and Highfield Road North.</p> <p>Should the route of the 8 and 9 be changed in Walsall town centre to use Hatherton Road (towards Walsall) to access the bus station?</p> <p>Buses would use a new stop on Hatherton Road, but no longer stop at the last stop on Lichfield Street.</p>
10 10A	Walsall to Burntwood Walsall to Brownhills West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timetable changed to improve reliability during peak times. Extra bus added to route in the afternoon rush hour. Route change in Walsall town centre. Journeys towards Walsall to use Hatherton Road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fewer peak time delays. 	<p>Should the route of the 10 and 10A be changed in Walsall town centre to use Hatherton Road (towards Walsall) to access the bus station?</p> <p>Buses would use a new stop on Hatherton Road, but no longer stop at the last stop on Lichfield Street.</p>
311 (11) 313 (13)	Walsall to Dudley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 311 renumbered 11 and 313 renumbered 13 as part of the Walsall local network. 		
28	Wolverhampton to Willenhall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 28 replaced by the 69 between Wolverhampton and Essington Road (New Invention) and by more buses on the 41 between New Invention and Willenhall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New links from Wood End and New Cross Hospital to Walsall. Passengers travelling between Wood End and Willenhall will either need to use the 25 or change buses between the 41 and 69 at New Invention. 	
301 (31) 302 (32)	Walsall to Mossley Walsall to Lower Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 301 renumbered 31 and 302 renumbered 32 as part of the Walsall local network. 		
33 34 34A 38 39 75	Walsall to Willenhall Walsall to Stowlawn Walsall to Rough Hay Walsall to Wednesbury Walsall to Wolverhampton Birmingham to Darlaston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New 33 introduced between Willenhall and Walsall via Lodge Farm, Bentley and Darlaston (operating along Bentley Road South). The 33 partly replaces the 40. Buses to run every few minutes between Walsall and Darlaston between services 34, 39 and new service 33. 39 changed to operate via Manor Hospital, along Pleck Road and Bridgeman Street. The 34A and 38 will no longer operate. The 75 will be extended from Wednesbury to Darlaston to partly replace the 38. Stafford Road will no longer be served by the 34A. The 75 will extend from Wednesbury along Woden Road West and Dangerfield Lane to follow the same route as the 79 on this section. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New links from Wolverhampton and Bilston to Manor Hospital. New links from Birmingham to Darlaston on the extended 75. 75 and 79 will coordinate to provide a 10 minute frequency between Wednesbury and Darlaston. New links from Darlaston to Bentley, Lodge Farm and Willenhall on the 33. 	<p>Should the 39 operate along Pleck Road and Bridgeman Street to serve Manor Hospital (in place of the 38)?</p> <p>If it does this, the 39 would no longer serve Wednesbury Road - but new links to Manor Hospital would be provided from Bilston and Wolverhampton.</p> <p>Should the route of the extended 75 between Wednesbury and Darlaston be the same as the 79 - along Woden Road West and Dangerfield Lane - or directly along Darlaston Road?</p> <p>If the 75 runs along Dangerfield Lane and Woden Road West, it can combine with the 79 to provide a 10 minute frequency between Darlaston and West Bromwich with extra buses for these roads as well as a direct service to Birmingham.</p>

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335 (36) 336	Walsall to Alumwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 335 and 336 combined to run as a single route and are renumbered 36 as part of the Walsall local network. All buses to follow the route of the current 335 to simplify the service provided. 	More consistent route - all buses to run the same way around Alumwell.	Should buses on a single route in Alumwell run to the same route as the current 335 or to the route of the current 336?
40 41	Walsall to Wolverhampton Walsall to Willenhall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 replaced by more buses on the 41 between Walsall and Lodge Farm and by new service 33 (see service 33 for details). Frequency on the 41 increased to every 20 minutes. Route changed on 41 in New Invention. Buses to run directly along Lichfield Road, Fletcher Road, Moore Road, Jones Road, Hilton Road and Beacon Road now served by service 69. Between Willenhall and Wolverhampton, service 529 provides an alternative to the 40. Portobello estate is covered by the 326 and 82. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More buses between Walsall, Bentley and Lodge Farm on the 41 and new 33 - increases from 4 buses per hour to 6. New links from Darlaston to Bentley, Lodge Farm and Willenhall on the 33. More direct route and quicker journey times on the 41 for passengers travelling across New Invention 	
69	Walsall to Wolverhampton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 69 to continue to run between Walsall and Wolverhampton but with some route changes to replace parts of the 28 and 41. Route changed to replace the 28 between Wolverhampton and Essington Road (New Invention). Buses to run along Wednesfield Road, New Cross Hospital Grounds, Prestwood Road, Wood End Road, Moat House Lane, Ridge Lane, Linthouse Lane, Griffiths Lane, Peacock Avenue, Lichfield Road, Coppice Farm Way and Essington Road. 69 replaces the 41 along Beacon Road, Hilton Road, Jones Road, Moore Road and Fletcher Road. 69 changed to operate directly along Pooles Lane to reduce journey times. Byron Road, Keats Road, Shelley Road and Wood Lane are covered by the improved 41 (now every 20 minutes). 69 no longer serves Wednesfield centre. Passengers will need to change buses between the 69 and frequent 9 or 59. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New links from Walsall and Beechdale to Wood End and New Cross Hospital grounds. 	Should the 69 serve Wolverhampton Bus Station or operate a loop around the city centre to provide better access to shopping areas?
141 (X10) 241	Merry Hill to Birmingham Merry Hill to Dudley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New X10 introduced to replace the 141 between Birmingham and Merry Hill and the 241 between Halesowen and Merry Hill. Buses to run every 20 minutes. Limited stop along Hagley Road between Five Ways and Quinton - stopping points to be confirmed. 241 to run between Dudley and Halesowen only - every 30 minutes. X10 combined with 4M to provide a 10 minute frequency between Merry Hill, Cradley Heath and Old Hill. 		Should the X10 be limited stop along Hagley Road between Quinton and Five Ways? If so, which stops are most important? The alternative is for the service to remain serving all bus stops along the Hagley Road and not be limited stop.
X51 X56 937	Birmingham to Boney Hay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X56 replaced by an extension of the 937 from Brownhills to Burntwood and extra peak time journeys on the X51. Change is due to withdrawal of funding from Staffordshire County Council for the X56 during 2015. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts of Chester Road (between Shire Oak and Streetly) will no longer be served but the 936 and 937 provide up to 6 journeys every hour at peak times between Brownhills and Birmingham. Extended 937 maintains direct peak time links from Burntwood to Birmingham. 	Which route should extended journeys on the 937 take from Brownhills to Burntwood? Options are as follows: 1. From Brownhills West - via Wilkin Road, Hednesford Road, Brownhills Road (Norton Canes), Norton East Road, Burntwood Road, Cannock Road, Chase Terrace (Sankey's Corner) Rugeley Road and Spinney Lane to Boney Hay. 2. As option 1, but from Chase Terrace (Sankey's Corner) route to continue to Swan Island via Bridge Cross Road and Cannock Road. 3. From Brownhills High Street, then Lichfield Road, Chase Road, Ogley Hay Road, Hanney Hay Road, Highfields Road, Queen Street, Chase Road, Swan Island, Cannock Road, Bridge Cross Road, Chase Terrace (Sankey's Corner) Rugeley Road and Spinney Lane to Boney Hay. Note - in option 3, Brownhills West (Rising Sun) would not be served on the extended 937 journeys.

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