

TransWilts priced option text from Great Western Franchise ITT

4.11.5.1 Option GW1 - TransWilts Rail (Phase 1)

Wiltshire Council has been working to develop rail connectivity across the county, with a particular focus on providing an improved level of service for the town of Melksham.

This scheme seeks to introduce additional weekday rail services, and reinstate Sunday services between Westbury and Swindon via Melksham.

This Priced Option requires the provision of the following specification:

- Monday-Friday: six additional trains in each direction, one train approximately every two hours between 08:00 and 19:30 with at least one arrival into Swindon (Northbound) and Westbury (Southbound) before 08:50; and at least one departure from Westbury after 19:15 and one departure from Swindon after 18:00;
- Saturday: six additional trains in each direction, as per Monday-Friday with the addition that one late service must depart Swindon after 19:00; and
- Sunday: four additional trains year round, with at least one arriving into and one departing from Swindon by 12:00, and at least one service departing from Westbury after 18:00, and one departing Swindon after 18:00. Additional seasonal extension from Swindon to connect with a Westbury-Weymouth service at Westbury, before 11:00, and one Westbury-Swindon service to connect with a Weymouth-Westbury service departing Weymouth after 16.59.

Assumed start date: December 2013 subject to rolling stock availability. If rolling stock is a constraint, Bidders should indicate this in the submission and start the service from the earliest achievable timetable change date.

Weighting: 100%

Further information can be found at www.transwiltsrail.org.uk and from Wiltshire Council. Because this scheme is at an advanced stage of development and has secured 3rd party funding, it may be the case that the current Franchisee and promoter are able to mobilise and introduce the service before the end of the current franchise. In this case a revised assumed start date will be advised to Bidders.