

Connect2 Wiltshire Amesbury Taxibuzz consultation

Summary of written responses

<i>from</i>	<i>summary of main points raised</i>	<i>officer response</i>
Willow House, Countess Road (residential care home for learning disabilities)	Taxibuzz is relied on by their residents (vulnerable people with mobility issues) for access to day centres and activities, travelling out at lunchtime and return c 1630; medical appointments at various times; connecting with buses to Salisbury at various times. Proposed timetable would not meet their needs - 0925 dep is too early to be used; 1155 would be OK for short stay in Amesbury but not for longer visits or returning from Salisbury;	revised proposal includes two additional round trips to Countess Road to provide more journey opportunities
Shrewton & Till Valley Link scheme coordinator	Glad service from Shrewton and Rollestone not being withdrawn as is the only public transport to Amesbury. Link scheme also arranges much transport to Amesbury but is finding it increasingly hard to find volunteers. Taxibuzz should be publicised more locally to make potential users aware.	noted. Assistance from local communities would be welcomed to publicise the service locally.
Cllr Ian West	Is an extremely important service to the rural communities. Has not been well advertised - leaflets available, but needs to be advertised to Parish Councils and in the Valley Community Newsletters	noted. Assistance from local communities would be welcomed to publicise the service locally.

Travelwatch South West	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1320 dep from Salisbury should run 40 minutes earlier; 2. 1715 and 1805 departures could be merged into single dep (no earlier than 1740); 3. all buses to and from Amesbury should call on request at Amesbury Tesco 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. if the 1320 ran earlier it would coincide with the times of bus service 201 which will continue to run at 1240 on Tuesdays and Fridays; 2. this would not meet the needs of the existing passengers; 3. will investigate serving Tesco on request before the final timetable is agreed
Middle Woodford resident / Durnford resident	both families request for 1805 from Salisbury to divert via St Martins school on Wednesday to pick up children returning from Young Musicians (finishes at 1800 and cant get to Bus Station in time).	On request diversion will be incorporated into the timetable
Idmiston Parish Council	concerned that service to Amesbury not well publicised and people do not know it exists - PC is aware of many people who would use it, both from village and Porton Down. Amesbury is their nearest town	not proposed to continue service as it is very poorly used and would incur extra cost to operate. Are regular alternative services to Salisbury from all the places served.
Allington with Boscombe Parish Council	Would like service retained, especially as main bus service also significantly reduced recently. Accepts poorly used at present, but although residents heard of service, do not have specific info on times, fares etc. Should be promoted locally in the village (locations suggested)	not proposed to continue service as it is very poorly used and would incur extra cost to operate. Are regular alternative services to Salisbury from all the places served.