

Proposed changes to the “TownLink” bus service in Corsham



We want your views !

Wiltshire Council is reviewing the operation of the “TownLink” bus services 10A and 10E that it funds in Corsham, with the aim of providing them in a more cost effective manner whilst continuing to meet local needs.

This leaflet shows the changes that are proposed to these services. To let us know your views, please complete the questionnaire on the back page and return it to us at the address shown, by **4 October 2013**.

Please note that these timetables are only proposals and are likely to have further changes made to them before they are introduced in January 2014. It is therefore very important that you tell us what you like about the timetables as well as any problems that they may cause you.

Copies of the consultation documents can be found on the Wiltshire Council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/consultations, or can be obtained from the address shown at the foot of the back page.

Summary of the proposed changes to the Corsham “TownLink” Bus Service

The Corsham “TownLink” bus services 10 and 10E are currently operated by the Calne Travel bus company on behalf of Wiltshire Council. The service is currently jointly funded by Wiltshire Council and the developers of the Basil Hill MoD site, although the developer funding will come to an end during 2013. The service is designed to meet a variety of transport needs, including journeys to work, education and shopping and it also provides the opportunity for the residents of villages and estates surrounding Corsham to connect in Corsham town centre with other bus services to Bath and Chippenham.

The current timetable is very expensive to provide because on weekdays it requires the use of at least two buses and three drivers. Although some journeys are reasonably well used, over the whole day the number of passengers per journey is relatively low and does not justify the current level of cost. In addition, the ending of the MoD developer funding means that continuing the current level of service would result in a significant increase in cost to the council, which in present circumstances is unaffordable.

Surveys suggest that the majority of the needs of our existing passengers could be met by altering the route so that it can be operated using fewer vehicles and so Wiltshire Council has therefore produced a new timetable which we believe will enable the service to be provided in a more cost effective manner, whilst continuing to provide an attractive service for the majority of users. This would see a half hourly service continuing to be provided for most of the day over the service 10A route, and this would also be diverted to serve Katherine Park to replace service 10E.

To allow a vehicle to be saved, we regret that it would no longer be possible for the town service to serve Rudloe Estate. However, there are frequent alternative bus services into Corsham from Rudloe which pick up on Leafy Lane and at the bus stop on Bradford Road at the entrance to the estate.

We are keen to hear how well you feel these new arrangements would meet your own travel needs and so we would be grateful if you could fill in the questionnaire on the back of this leaflet and return it to us in the post by 4 October 2013.

Corsham Town Service 10

proposed timetable from January 2014

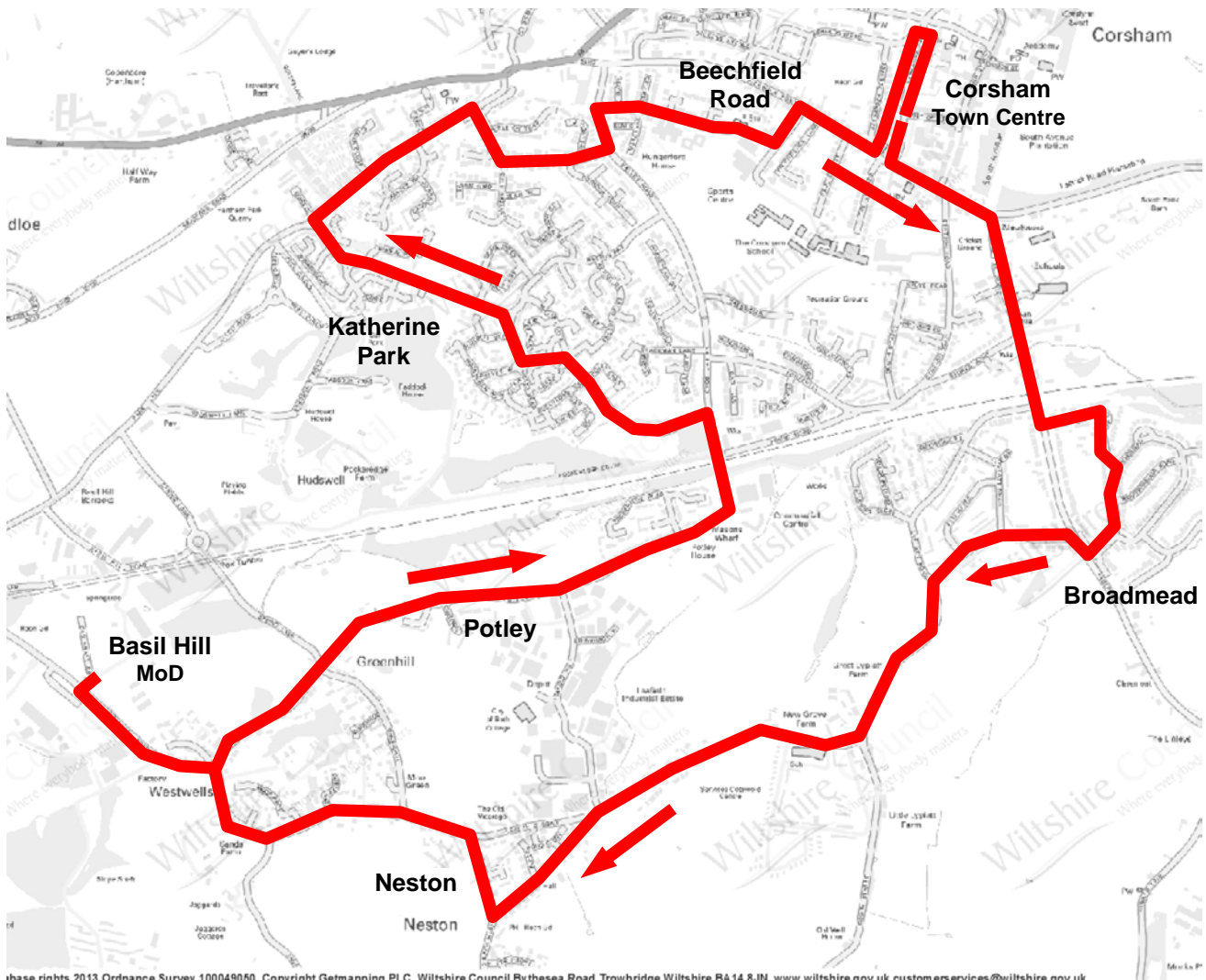
Mondays to Saturdays

	NS	NS										
Corsham, Newlands Road	0715	0745	0815	0845	0920	0950		1050	1120	1150	1220	1250
Pound Pill	0717	0747	0817	0847	0922	0952		1052	1122	1152	1222	1252
Broadmead	0719	0749	0819	0849	0924	0954		1054	1124	1154	1224	1254
Dicketts Road	0720	0750	0820	0850	0925	0955		1055	1125	1155	1225	1255
Cotswold Family Centre	0721	0751	0821	0851	0926	0956		1056	1126	1156	1226	1256
Neston, Pool Green / Church Rise	0723	0753	0823	0853	0928	0958	Break	1058	1128	1158	1228	1258
Basil Hill, MOD Main Gate	0726	0756	0826	0856	0931	1001		1101	1131	1201	1231	1301
Westwells, bus shelter	0727	0757	0827	0857	0932	1002		1102	1132	1202	1232	1302
Upper Potley, Curlcroft Road	0728	0858	0828	0958	0933	1003		1103	1133	1203	1233	1303
Katherine Park, Freestone Way	0732	0802	0832	0902	0937	1007		1107	1137	1207	1237	1307
West Park Road	0736	0756	0836	0906	0941	1011		1111	1141	1211	1241	1311
Beechfield Road	0738	0808	0838	0908	0943	1013		1113	1143	1213	1243	1313
Corsham, Newlands Road	0741	0811	0841	0911	0946	1016		1116	1146	1216	1246	1316

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Corsham, Newlands Road	1320	1350	1450	1520	1550	1620	1650	1720	1750	
Pound Pill	1322	1352	1452	1522	1552	1622	1652	1722	1752	
Broadmead	1324	1354	1454	1524	1554	1624	1654	1724	1754	
Dicketts Road	1325	1355	1455	1525	1555	1625	1655	1725	1755	
Cotswold Family Centre	1326	1356	1456	1526	1556	1626	1656	1726	1756	
Neston, Pool Green / Church Rise	1328	1358	Break	1458	1528	1558	1628	1658	1728	1758
Basil Hill, MOD Main Gate	1331	1401	1501	1531	1601	1631	1701	1731	1801	
Westwells, bus shelter	1332	1402	1502	1532	1602	1632	1702	1732	1802	
Upper Potley, Curlcroft Road	1333	1403	1503	1533	1603	1633	1703	1733	1803	
Katherine Park, Freestone Way	1337	1407	1507	1537	1607	1637	1707	1737	1807	
West Park Road	1341	1411	1511	1541	1611	1641	1711	1741	1811	
Beechfield Road	1343	1413	1513	1543	1613	1643	1713	1743	1813	
Corsham, Newlands Road	1346	1416	1516	1546	1616	1646	1716	1746	1816	

Key

NS - indicates a journey that will not run on Saturdays



Please let us know how you use the Corsham TownLink bus service and tell us your views on the proposed timetables

by answering the questions below then returning this form to us at the address shown at the bottom of the page:

1. Which area of Corsham do you live in? _____

2. How often do you use the TownLink bus service at the moment? (please tick one box)

- 5 or more days a week twice per week Less than once per week
 3 or 4 times per week once per week Less than once per month

3. When you use the service, what is the purpose of your journey? (please tick all that apply)

- Travel to/from work To attend medical appointments
 To attend school or college To visit friends and relations
 Travel for shopping To connect with other bus services in Corsham town centre

4. Does the current timetables meet your main travel needs? (please tick) Yes No Partly

5. Would the proposed new arrangements meet your needs? (please tick) Yes No Partly

6. If you have answered 'No' or 'Partly' to question 5, what specific journeys would you not be able to make and how often do you need to make these journeys?

7. Do you wish to make any other comments on these proposals?

8. Finally please give us a bit more information about yourself:

What is your age group? (please tick) under 17 17-25 26-45 46-64 over 65

Are you male or female? (please tick) Male Female

Do you consider yourself disabled? No
 Yes - if so does this affect your ability to walk? Yes No

Thank you for completing this form. Now please return it to us at the following address:

Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. BA14 8JN