

**Proposed changes to bus services 91 and 91B
in the Kington Langley, Seagry, Sutton Benger
Christian Malford, and Dauntsey Vale areas**



We want your views !

Wiltshire Council is reviewing the bus services it funds in the north west of the county with the aim of providing them in a more cost effective manner whilst continuing to meet local needs.

This leaflet shows proposed changes to bus services 91 and 91B in the Kington Langley, Seagry, Rodbourne, Sutton Benger, Christian Malford and Dauntsey Vale areas. To let us know your views, complete the questionnaire on the back page and return it to us at the address shown, by 7 October 2013.

Other services in the area are also being reviewed, and similar questionnaires are available on the buses operating the service in question. Details of all the proposed changes, and copies of the consultation documents and on-bus questionnaires for the other services, 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.

Bus Service 91 and 91B

Summary of the proposed changes

Bus services 91 and 91B are currently operated by the AD Rains bus company on behalf of Wiltshire Council, who fund the entire service. The service is designed to meet a variety of transport needs, including journeys to work, education and shopping in Chippenham. It also provides the opportunity for the residents of the Dauntsey Vale to access the shops and medical facilities in Malmesbury.

Although some journeys are reasonably well used, many journeys carry less than 10 passengers in total, with some journeys carrying even fewer. Use of the service to travel to/from Malmesbury is particularly disappointing, this extension having been introduced 5 years ago on an experimental basis.

The current timetable is also very expensive to provide because it requires the use of at least two buses. However, surveys suggest that the majority of the needs of our existing passengers could be met by altering the timetable so that it can be operated using fewer vehicles.

Wiltshire Council has produced a new timetable which we believe will enable the service to be provided in a more cost effective manner, whilst retaining links to the most popular destinations at times when they are most needed. This would involve the service reverting to its previous circular route in the Dauntsey area and would run to/from Chippenham approximately every 90 minutes using just one bus. In view of the small number of passengers using this service to travel to/from Malmesbury who could not use other services, it is proposed that service 91 would no longer run through to Malmesbury, although a small number of connections would be available with service 31 at Little Somerford. Other ways will be sought of providing a cost effective service into Malmesbury from Rodbourne and the Dauntsey Vale villages

We are keen to hear how well you feel these new arrangements would meet your own travel needs and so 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 7 October 2013.

Proposed timetable for bus Service 91

linking Chippenham with Sutton Benger, Christian Malford and the Dauntsey Vale

Mondays to Saturdays

Chippenham, Bus Station	--	--	1025	1155	1325	--	1640	1755
Chippenham, Railway Station	--	--	1027	1157	1327	--	1642	1757
Sheldon/Hardenhuish Schools	--	--	--	--	--	1515	--	--
Malmesbury Road, Morrison's	--	--	1032	1202	1332	1520	1647	1802
Kington Langley, Hit or Miss	--	0908	1038	1208	1338	1526	1653	1808
Sutton Benger	--	0912	1042	1212	1342	1530	1657	1812
Christian Malford, Memorial	--	0915	1045	1215	1345	1533	1700	1815
Upper Seagry	--	0921	--	1221	--	--	--	--
Startley	--	0922	--	1222	--	--	--	--
Great Somerford, bus shelter	0735	0925	--	1225	--	--	--	--
Dauntsey St James	--	--	1048	--	1348	1536	1703	1818
Dauntsey Green	--	--	1049	--	1349	1537	1704	1819
Little Somerford, bus shelter	0740	0930	1056	1230	1356	1544	1711	1826
Dauntsey Green	0747	0937	--	1237	--	--	--	--
Dauntsey St James	0748	0938	--	1238	--	--	--	--
Great Somerford, bus shelter	--	--	1101	--	1401	1549	1716	1831
Startley	--	--	1104	--	1404	--	1719	1834
Upper Seagry	--	--	1105	--	1405	--	1720	1835
Christian Malford, Memorial	0751	0941	1111	1241	1411	--	1726	--
Sutton Benger	0754	0944	1114	1244	1414	1558	1729	--
Kington Langley, Hit or Miss	0800	0950	1120	1250	1420	--	1735	--
Malmesbury Road, Morrison's	0805	0955	1125	1255	1425	--	1740	--
Sheldon/Hardenhuish Schools	0807	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Chippenham, Railway Station	R	R	R	R	R	--	R	--
Chippenham, Bus Station	0817	1007	1137	1307	1437	1609	1752	--

WHAT THE CODES MEAN

NS - Does not run on Saturdays

R - Calls at this point if required by passengers on the bus

Summary of proposed times for buses from Little Somerford to Swindon and Malmesbury on service 31

Mondays to Saturdays

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Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0650	0735	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800
Little Somerford, bus shelter	0658	0743	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1608	1708	1808
Swindon Bus Station	0735	0825	0946	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1546	1646	1746	1846
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Swindon Bus Station	0740	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755	1850
Little Somerford, bus shelter	0817	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1632	1732	R	R
Malmesbury, Cross Hayes	0837	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552	1652	1752	R	R

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Please let us know how you use bus services 91 and 91B and your views on the proposed timetable

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

1. Which town or village do you live in? _____

2. How often do you use these bus services 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. Which services do you currently use, what journeys do you regularly make and at what times do you travel ?

4. When you use the services, what is the purpose of your journey? (please tick all that apply)
 Travel to/from work To attend school or college To attend medical appointments
 Travel for shopping To visit friends and relations To connect with trains at Chippenham

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

6. Would the proposed timetables meet your needs? (please tick) Yes No Partly

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

8. If it was possible to provide a limited service to Malmesbury from Rodbourne, Great Somerford & Dauntsey, how often would you use it and on which days and at what times would you prefer it to run ?

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

9. 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 using the reply paid envelopes which are available from the bus drivers on the Malmesbury area bus services, or post it to us at the following address:

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