

Proposed changes to 'shoppers buses' 36, 75, 76 and 76A in the area north west of Chippenham



We want your views !

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

The services listed below are all poorly used, and so this consultation is being used to identify the needs that the current services meet, so that we can look, with the help of local communities, for better and more affordable ways of meeting these needs in the future. If you use any of these services, please complete the questionnaire overleaf and return it to us at the address shown, by 7 October 2013.

Bus services 36, 75, 76 and 76A currently run to Chippenham, Corsham and Bath on the following days:

Service 36 – runs to Corsham on Tuesdays and Fridays from Castle Combe, Yatton Keynell, Colerne, Ford and Biddestone. It also provides the main link to Chippenham for the residents of Colerne.

Service 75 – runs to Chippenham on Fridays from Sherston, Luckington, Badminton, West Kington, Burton and North Wraxall.

Services 76 & 76A – run to Bath on Wednesdays from Malmesbury, Sherston, Luckington, Badminton, Burton, W.Kington, Hullavington, Grittleton, Castle Combe, Yatton Keynell, Ford, Biddestone and Marshfield

Please note that bus service 35 will continue to run to Chippenham from Castle Combe, Grittleton and Yatton Keynell but on a slightly different timetable, as will the school / college day buses on service 75.

Possible options for providing these bus services in the future

No specific proposals for changing these services are being put forward at this stage, but depending on the needs that are identified from these questionnaires, a number of possible options for future service provision may be considered;

- Providing a bus service as now, but at a reduced cost by running fewer journeys (for example by combining services, withdrawing sections of route where there are no regular passengers, and possibly reducing service 36 to operate on just one day a week, depending on level of use);
- Setting up a community transport scheme that can provide a service more responsive to local needs at an affordable cost;
- Consider whether a better service might be provided by a voluntary car scheme taking people to and from the nearest connecting point for more regular buses (e.g to Castle Combe to meet bus service 35 to Chippenham; to Colerne to meet service 228 to Bath; and/or to Marshfield to meet service 635 to Chippenham / Bristol).

If you have other suggestions about how the needs of the area might be met at an affordable cost we would be glad to hear from you.

Please let us know how you use bus services 36, 75, 76 and 76A and your views on how a service might be provided in the future

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 the services at the moment? (please tick)
 - to Chippenham: every week at least once per month less than once per month Never
 - to Corsham: every week at least once per month less than once per month Never
 - to Bath: every week at least once per month less than once per month Never

3. If you use these services to travel to more than one destination, which one is the most important to you ?
 Chippenham Corsham Bath (please tick)

4. When you use these services, what is the purpose of your journey? (please tick all that apply)
 Travel for shopping To visit friends and relations for a day out
 Other (please state) _____

5. How important are these services to you ?
 Very (I have no alternative transport available)
 Important (life would be difficult without them)
 Not very important (I could find other ways to get around)

8. How could the current service be changed to meet your needs better ?

8. Do you have any comments about the possible options suggested overleaf for how the services may be provided in the future ?

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 envelope provided, or post it to us at the following address:

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