

Proposed changes to 'shoppers buses' 60 and 95 in the Brinkworth, Bradenstoke, Christian Malford, Foxham, Bremhill and Langley Burrell areas



We want your views !

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

Bus services 60 and 95 are funded entirely by Wiltshire Council and currently run as follows:

Service 60 – runs to **Wootton Bassett and Swindon on Fridays only** from Castle Combe, Yatton Keynell, Biddestone, Cepen Park, Kington Langley, Sutton Benger, Christian Malford and Bradenstoke, arriving in Swindon at 10.30 am and returning from there at 1.30 pm.

Service 95 – runs to **Chippenham every day (except Sundays)**, from Brinkworth, Bradenstoke, Foxham, Bremhill and Langley Burrell, arriving in Chippenham at 10.10 am and returning at 12.15 pm on weekdays and 1.15 pm on Saturdays.

Parts of these services are 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 either of these services, please complete the questionnaire overleaf and return it to us at the address shown, by 7 October 2013.

Possible options for providing these bus services in the future

Both of these services are mainly used by residents of Bradenstoke, with service 95 also being used on certain days by passengers from Bremhill and Langley Burrell. However use of these services from Castle Combe, Yatton Keynell, Biddestone, Cepen Park, Kington Langley, Sutton Benger, Christian Malford and Brinkworth is extremely low, probably because these villages have more frequent bus services to other towns.

These services are expensive to provide and so we are now looking for a more cost effective way of operating them. We are therefore proposing to make the following changes:

- As very few passengers board service 60 before Bradenstoke, we are proposing that in future it will only pick up passengers at Bradenstoke and Lillybrook Park.
- service 95 would no longer pick up at Brinkworth and would only operate to Chippenham on three days a week instead of six.
- Both of these services would be operated by the same vehicle and this bus would also be used to run service 61 from Bradenstoke to Wootton Bassett on Wednesdays, which we are not proposing to change. We would therefore like to know on which of the remaining days you would prefer to travel to Swindon and Chippenham, so that we can decide on which day the bus should operate to each of these towns.

We would therefore like to seek your views on these proposals and if you have other suggestions about how the needs of your area might be met at an affordable cost, we would also be glad to hear from you.

Please let us know how you use bus services 60 and 95 and your views on how these services 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 services 60 and/or 95 at the moment? (please tick)
 - to Chippenham: 3 or more days a week once / twice per week less than once per week Never
 - to Swindon: every week at least once per month less than once per month Never
3. If you use service 95 to Chippenham, on which days of the week do you normally travel ?
 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday (please tick)
4. If you use these services to travel to more than one destination, which one is the most important to you ?
 Chippenham Royal Wootton Bassett Swindon (please tick)
5. 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) _____
6. If service 95 to Chippenham could only run on 3 days a week, which days would be the most suitable for you and how long would you like to spend there ?
 Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday Saturday Length of time ___ hours
7. If service 60 had to run from Bradenstoke to Swindon on a different day instead of Friday, which day would be the most suitable for you and how long would you like to spend there ?
 Monday Tuesday Thursday none - I can only travel on a Friday. Length of time ___ hours
8. Do you have any comments about how the current service could be changed to meet your needs better, or about the 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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