

Review of bus services in North West Wiltshire

Service 60 (Castle Combe – Swindon via Sutton Benger and Bradenstoke, Fridays only) – info sheet

Summary of proposed change

To operate the service between Bradenstoke, Wootton Bassett and Swindon only. The service will continue to operate on one day a week, but the possibility of a change to a different day will be determined by the responses to the consultation.

Commentary on current service

Service 60 provides a once a day shopping journey on Fridays only, into Wootton Bassett and Swindon from Castle Combe, Yatton Keynell, Biddestone, Kington Langley, Sutton Benger, Christian Malford and Bradenstoke. All of these places have other public transport services. Between 20 and 30 passenger trips a week are made using the service, most travelling between Bradenstoke and Swindon. The section of route from Castle Combe to Bradenstoke is very poorly used, with less than one passenger a week (when use is made it is mainly from Cepen Park North, Chippenham).

Explanation of proposed changes

Given the low level of use west of Bradenstoke, and the availability of more frequent public transport services to other destinations (Chippenham) from the places served, it is proposed to curtail the service to run only from Bradenstoke, to Wootton Bassett and Swindon. Although the service currently runs on Fridays, consideration will also be given to the possible operational savings that could be made if the same vehicle is used on other days of the week to run services 95 and 61, and this may lead to a change in the day of operation. The consultation will include asking existing users which days they would prefer, and this will be taken into consideration when a decision is made.

Proposed timetable

The proposed timetable for service 60 is shown overleaf.

The aim of the review of services is to make the bus network more sustainable in the long term, and to provide cost-effective services that meet the needs of existing users at an affordable cost to the council. We believe that the proposed changes meet these objectives, but if you have other suggestions about how this might be achieved we would be pleased to receive them.

Similar information sheets are available for each of the bus services affected by the North West Wiltshire review. A consultation on the proposals is under way and will close on 7 October 2013. Details of other services and of the consultation can be found on the council's website (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm>) or are available from the Passenger Transport Unit, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN.

Bus Service 60 - linking Bradenstoke with Royal Wootton Bassett and Swindon

Proposed timetable from April 2014 for consultation

Service to run on one day a week; currently Friday but may be changed to reduce operating costs

Bradenstoke, Church	1010	Swindon, Bus Station	1330
Lyneham, The Green	1015	Swindon, Designer Outlet Village	1337
Royal Wootton Bassett, High St.	1024	Royal Wootton Bassett, High St.	1349
Swindon, Designer Outlet Village	1036	Lyneham, The Green	1356
Swindon, Bus Station	1042	Bradenstoke, Church	1401

NOTE - Separate service 61 would continue to run between Bradenstoke and Royal Wootton Bassett on Wednesdays, as at present.