



Consultation

Changes to Bus Services in Rural Calderdale – January 2010

Why a review is needed

- Metro currently spend £1.2 million per year supporting bus services in the area south of Halifax.
- Earlier in 2009, First proposed the withdrawal of several commercial services. Metro is funding their continuation until January 2010.
- This is costing a further £0.4 million. This cost is unsustainable in the long term.
- Metro has reviewed the bus network in the area and is inviting tenders from bus companies to operate the services.

The aims of the review

- To maintain hourly bus services to communities which have bus services at present.
- To ensure the network uses buses as efficiently as possible to control costs.
- To encourage as many bus companies as possible to bid.
- To manage the growth in costs.

The overall impact of the changes proposed

- All significant communities retain an hourly bus service within a 400m (10 minute) walk.
- Some areas will have a reduction in the frequency of service.
- The journey time to Halifax may be longer for some passengers.
- The routes are simpler to understand with fewer service numbers.
- There is a new link to Brighouse from Barkisland, Greetland and West Vale.
- A new link to Calderdale Royal Infirmary from the Ripponden area.

Impact of proposed services on individual communities

- **Ripponden** – No change to service level. Retains three buses per hour to Halifax via Sowerby Bridge and a service every other hour to Halifax via Barkisland. New link to Calderdale Royal Infirmary.
- **Rishworth** – Service to Halifax reduces from two buses per hour to one. The direct service to Halifax is retained.
- **Mill Bank and Soyland** – Evening and Sunday service improved to hourly. New link to Calderdale Royal Infirmary. Monday to Saturday daytime service will have a longer journey time to Halifax as new service operates via Copley and Calderdale Royal Infirmary instead of King Cross.
- **Boulderclough and Hubberton** – Retains an hourly service in a one way loop until mid-evening (late evening journeys withdrawn). Early morning service no longer operates on Higham & Dob Lane.



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- **Sowerby** – No change to service level, except for the withdrawal of Boulderclough/Hubberton late evening journeys.
- **Sowerby Bridge** – One journey per hour less between the centre of Sowerby Bridge and Halifax Monday to Saturday daytime. All other roads will continue to be served by at least an hourly service except Beech Road, which will no longer be served.
- **Luddenden Foot, Kershaw Estate, Midgley and Booth** – Monday to Saturday daytime service to Halifax will reduce from half hourly to hourly. No change to the main Calder Valley services.
- **Savile Park** – Service on Free School Lane will reduce from two buses an hour to hourly. Haugh Shaw Road will no longer be served.
- **Copley** – An hourly service to Halifax will be maintained all day.
- **Greetland / West Vale** – New hourly service to Brighouse. Service to Huddersfield via Stainland is withdrawn. No change to service level to Halifax.
- **Norland** – Evening and Sunday service improved to hourly. No change to Monday to Saturday daytime service level.
- **Barkisland** – New service to Brighouse via Greetland and Elland. Service to Halifax via Rochdale Road is withdrawn. Service to Huddersfield via Greetland is withdrawn. No change to the service to Huddersfield via Outlane. No change to the hourly service to Halifax via Norland, and two hourly service to Ripponden and Dean Head.
- **Rochdale Road and Saddleworth Road (between Barkisland and Greetland)** – Will be served by an hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service between Barkisland, Greetland, Elland and Brighouse. No direct links to Halifax or Huddersfield.
- **Dean Head and Krumlin** – No change to the service to Halifax via Norland and Greetland. Krumlin will be served in both directions and, as a result, Saddleworth Road south of Barkisland will no longer be served.
- **Stainland and Holywell Green** – No change to the half hourly service to Halifax (hourly via Elland and hourly via West Vale). The half hourly Monday to Saturday daytime service to Huddersfield will reduce to hourly. Hourly services to Halifax and Huddersfield will operate evenings and Sundays.
- **Blackley** – Faster journey time to Halifax. Retains the hourly service to Halifax and Huddersfield.

What happens next?

- Consultation on network changes – September 2009
- Award of contracts to bus companies – October 2009
- Finalise routes and timetables – November 2009
- New services introduced – 24 January 2010

Any views?

- Email Metro at customerfeedback@wypte.gov.uk