



...on the Subsidised Bus Services Consultation Service 445 (Schooldays)

Borough of Poole faces a very challenging financial situation. Rising costs, increased demand for council services and cuts in government funding means we have to save around £19.9 million over the next three years to balance our budget.

As part of our efforts to save money, we are reviewing our budget for subsidising bus services. Most bus services in Poole operate without subsidy but those with fewer passengers require financial support from the council.

Last year we spent £598,000 subsidising bus services in the borough. We again need to review the provision of some subsidised journeys on certain Monday to Saturday day-time, Sunday and school bus routes.

We have identified some proposals that could bring potential savings of up to £93,000, with a target of at least £70,400. This includes £30,000 in savings that Go South Coast has identified that will not result in any changes to routes, prices or timetables.

This consultation is an opportunity to have your say on the proposals, let us know how any changes to the services may affect you, or your family and what you would do if the service is changed or removed. We'd also like to hear about any other suggestions about how we might minimise the impact should the proposal go ahead. The council will consider the results of the consultation when coming to a decision.

This service is one of a number that will be considered by the council for possible reduction or withdrawal. The services include:

- Service 7A/B/C
- Service 11 (Sunday service)
- Service 32
- Service 445
- Service H1

For information about the other proposals, please go to www.poole.gov.uk/localbuses.

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Please read and complete the questionnaire and return it to: Bus Subsidies Consultation, Corporate Research Team, FREEPOST RTKK-CCEE-CXUA, Borough of Poole, Civic Centre, Poole BH15 2RU by **Sunday 29 October 2017**. Alternatively, to save postage costs, you can use the on-line form, available on the website.

If you need any help completing the survey, have any queries or would like the survey in a different format, please contact the Passenger Transport and Sustainable Travel Team via email at transportation@poole.gov.uk.

The proposals for Service 445 are set out below.

Thank you in advance for taking part,

Passenger Transport and Sustainable Travel Team
Borough of Poole

Please use a BLACK pen and write in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Put a cross in the box by your answer, for example

If you make a mistake, fill in the box fully and put a cross in the box you want.

If there are any questions that you do not wish to answer, please leave them blank.

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Service 445 Bearwood/Merley to Allenbourn School (Wimborne)

What is the Proposal?

To withdraw the Service 445 and provide the service between Merley and Allenbourn School only through a revised morebus 4 timetable. Journeys would extend to/from Wimborne Square and Allenbourn School.

This would save £24,600 per annum.

What is Service 445?

The Service 445 is a standalone contract from Merley and Bearwood to Allenbourn School (Wimborne) that currently stops along the following route:

Magna Road, Shapland Avenue, Weldon Avenue, Knights Road, King John Avenue, Magna Road, Queen Ann Drive, Rempstone Road, Merley Gardens, Merley Lane, Sopwith Crescent, Oakley Straight, Oakley Lane, Oakley Hill, Poole Road, Rodway, Lewens Lane, Hanham Road, East Borough to Allenbourn Middle School grounds.

In the afternoon the service operates to King John Avenue and then Runnymede Avenue to Weldon Avenue, then Shapland Avenue and Magna Road to Bear Cross.

Merley is within a shared catchment area between Allenbourn School and Broadstone Middle School.

Service Timetable (Current)

Service 445 Bearwood/Merley to Allenbourn School (Wimborne)

Schooldays Only	AM	PM
Bear Cross Roundabout	0746	1529
Bearwood, Co-Op Supermarket	0749	-
Bearwood, Runnymede Avenue Top	0751	1525
Canford Park Arena	0753	1523
Merley, Mimosa Avenue	0757	1520
Merley Gardens	0759	1519
Merley, Sopwith Crescent/Cockerell Close	0804	1517
Merley, Oakley Straight	0809	1514
Allenbourn Middle School	0828	1505

What alternative service would be available?

The alternative service would be as per the current Service 4 (that runs from Poole to Wimborne via Merley), with appropriately timed journeys to extend the route between Wimborne Square and Allenbourn School on schooldays to cover the Service 445.

The expected route of the revised Service 4 would be:

Queen Anne Drive, Rempstone Road, Merley Gardens, Oakley Straight, Oakley Lane, Oakley Hill, Poole Road, Lewins Lane, Rowlands Hill, Hanham Road, East Borough.

This proposed replacement would not serve Magna Road, Sopwith Crescent or Bearwood. Also, only the short section of Queen Anne Drive between Gravel Hill and Rempstone Road would be served.

How many passengers may be affected if the Service 445 is withdrawn?

Data supplied by morebus for the 2016/17 academic year shows:

- an average of 24 passengers using the service to travel to school. An average of 6 of these boarded in the Bearwood area and might not have a service under the new proposals.
- an average of 36 passengers used the afternoon return service.

On-bus surveys undertaken by Borough of Poole in October 2016 found:

- 30 passengers travelling in the morning. Four of these boarded in Bearwood, including one adult (a school Midday Assistant). No passengers boarded between Bearwood and Rempstone Road. 12 passengers boarded at various stops on Sopwith Crescent which wouldn't be on the replacement route.
- In the afternoon, 39 passengers used the service. 10 alighted on Sopwith Crescent and 9 travelled to Bearwood (including one adult) which wouldn't be on the replacement route.

Bearwood is outside the catchment area for Allenbourn School.

The consultation will help us find out more about how many people may be affected by the proposed changes, in what way and what actions, if any, could help people manage any changes to the service/s if they are implemented.

Subsidised Bus Service Reductions – Service 445 (Schooldays) Consultation Feedback Form

Please use this form to submit your feedback on the proposals for the local bus Service reductions and/or withdrawals. You can view the details of these proposals on the Council's website: www.poole.gov.uk/localbuses. The information you provide will be treated in confidence and stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Please return this feedback form by **Sunday 29 October 2017**. Alternatively, to save postage costs, you can use the on-line form, available on the website.

Q1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to withdraw Service 445 and partially replace it with an amended Service 4? Please select one option per row only.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q2 How often do you, or your child, use Service 445 in the mornings? Please select one option only.

Daily	A few days a week	Less than once a month	Never	Other (please write in below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3 If Service 445 was withdrawn and partially replaced by an amended Service 4 what would you/your child do? Please select one option only.

Use Service 4	Car	Car Share	Cycle	Walk	I would no longer travel for this purpose	Other (please write in below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q4 **What impact would withdrawing Service 445 and partially replacing it with an amended Service 4 have on you/your child?** *Please write in below.*

Other Comments

Q5 **Is there anything that you think we have not considered?** *Please write in below.*

About You

Q6 **Are you responding as:** *Please select all that apply.*

- A bus passenger affected by the proposed changes to Service 445?
- A bus passenger?
- A bus passenger representative?
- A Poole resident?
- Other (please write in below)

Q7 **Are you :** *Please select one option only.*

Male?

Female?

Other?

Prefer not to say

Q8 **To which age group do you belong?** *Please select one option only.*

Under 19 yrs

19-34 yrs

35-49 yrs

50-64 yrs

65+ yrs

Prefer not to say

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Q9 **Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months?** *Please select one option only.*

Yes, limited a lot

Yes, limited a little

No

Prefer not to say

Q10 **Which of these groups do you consider you belong to?** *Please select only one box and write in below.*

White British

Other White Background (please select and write in below)

Black or minority ethnic background (please select and write in below)

Other (please select and write in below)

Q11 **What is your postcode?** *Please write in. We need this to determine whether responses vary by area.*

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Thank you for taking part in this survey

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