

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUS SERVICES ACT 2017**

**AND THE TRANSPORT ACT 2000 S138F(1)(c)**

**WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY [LTA]**

**NOTICE THAT AN ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND SCHEME HAS BEEN PREPARED**

By Delegated Decision of the Service Director Environment, Transport and Countryside dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, West Berkshire LTA gave its approval to proceed with the development of an Enhanced Partnership. The commencement of this was confirmed through the Notice of Intention to prepare an Enhanced Partnership Plan and accompanying Enhanced Partnership Schemes [EP] as required and set out in section 138F of the Transport Act 2000 and published on the same date.

An EP is an agreement that enables Local Authorities and Operators to set shared aims with regard to improving bus services.

The Proposed Enhanced Partnership Plan will cover the entire geographical area of West Berkshire Council.

The Bus Services Act 2017 amended the Transport Act 2000 to provide the LTA with powers to reform the bus market in West Berkshire and these provisions provide for new types of Partnership Schemes in West Berkshire. Pursuant to this, the West Berkshire Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme has been prepared and can be viewed here:

<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/enhancedpartnership>

Operators of Qualifying Local Services can object to the Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme within a period of **31 days** from the date of this Notice.

TAKE NOTICE THAT BY S138F(5)(a) and (b) the LTA may not make the EP Plan and Scheme if, within the period for objection specified above, a sufficient number of Operators of Qualifying Local Services in the area to which the Plan relates object to either the Plan and/or the Scheme.

Operators of Qualifying Local Services (as at the day before the date of this Notice) can object to the Plan and/or the Scheme by writing to:

OBJECTIONS  
Matthew Metcalfe  
Transport Services Team  
West Berkshire Council  
Council Offices  
Market Street  
Newbury  
RG14 5LD

Email address:

[transport@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:transport@westberks.gov.uk)

OBJECTIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY **Monday 17 January 2022, at 12 noon**. If sufficient valid objections are received, the Consultation Process cannot proceed and further informal consultations will be held to resolve objections.

For further information, please contact:

Matthew Metcalfe  
Senior Transport Officer  
Transport Services Team,  
West Berkshire Council,  
Council Offices, Market Street,  
Newbury, RG14 5LD  
[transport@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:transport@westberks.gov.uk)

TO:

[ALL PSV OPERATORS AT THE ADDRESSES LISTED ON EACH OPERATOR'S PSV LICENCE AS HELD BY WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL/ LTA]

[ALSO PUBLISHED PROMINENTLY ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE]

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WEST BERKSHIRE LTA

**17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**