



TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE

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Report title	Petition Report
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Recommendation(s) for action or decision

- Transport Delivery Committee (TDC) is recommended to note the contents of this report.

Purpose

1. To report the outcome of the review of a Petition which was considered by the Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group on 3 January 2019.

Background

2. The Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group has specific responsibility to consider Petitions submitted to Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) when the Petition has in excess of 50 signatories.
3. At its meeting on 3 January, TDC members considered three petitions relating to proposals to operate a bus along Alderminster Road in Solihull. This service is planned to operate along a similar route to the existing S2 service, but will form part of a South

Solihull Circular route. One petition with 101 signatures was opposed to buses serving Alderminster Road, and two petitions with a total of 149 signatures were in favour.

Details of the Petition

4. The Petition opposed to the route change was sent to Transport for West Midlands on 30 October 2018. The petition cited the negative impact on the road of buses operating from 6am until 10pm every day, and suggested that quality of life would decrease from negative attributes of buses including noise, safety and visual amenity.
5. One of the petitions in favour of the route was led by the West Midlands Pensioners Convention, who suggested that the change in route would significantly improve accessibility within the Hillfield Estate, much of which sits outside of TfWM access standards, and would allow a new area to be served through removing duplication of an existing commercial route.
6. The other petition in favour of the service was received from the Royal Star and Garter Care Home, suggesting that users of its facilities, and their relatives, would benefit from the direct links to South East Solihull that this route would bring, with these users including day facility users and visitors to the home.
7. Feedback from petitioners was considered, and a compromise proposal was put forward, involving initially only serving Alderminster Road between the hours of 09.30 and 15.00 each day. This provides a total of 11 buses each day that will serve the road, but ensures that the routes are able to serve the Royal Star and Garter Care Home during its peak hours of service.
8. All of the feedback received has been recorded and will be considered as part of the consultation feedback and used to inform the detailed design stage of the scheme.

Outcome

9. The Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group agreed that the lead petitioners be thanked for submitting the petitions.
10. The Lead Member Group accepted the officer recommendation that the service does operate along Alderminster Road between the hours of 0930 and 1515 with concurrent monitoring of how this impacts operations and patronage. They also recommended a clear communication strategy with users of the service to ensure that they are all aware of the change.

Financial Implications

11. The proposed service is financially supported by TfWM through the subsidised bus budget. There will be a capital implication of installing new bus infrastructure on Alderminster Road to enable passengers to board the service on the new section of the route.

Equalities Implications

12. The provision of a service on Alderminster Road will bring additional households in the area within TfWM access standards. The altered service will also improve accessibility to the Star and Garter Care Home helping to improve the level of service for residents and visitors alike. This is likely to have positive impact on the disability and age equality strands due to improved accessibility to the facility. It is not envisaged that there will be adverse equalities impact for Alderminster Road residents.