

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal	Retendering of Basingstoke/Alresford Cango Bus Service
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Description of Service / Policy

The Basingstoke/Alresford Cango Bus Service provides a local transport link for the villages en route. The main use of the current service is for shopping (47%), followed by social/other (29%). Medical trips account for 6.4% of journeys and employment 6%. Concessionary pass holders accounted for 60% of weekday journeys. No wheelchairs were carried on any of the surveyed journeys.

Geographical impact* Basingstoke & Deane Winchester

Description of proposed change

The current service operates six days a week and provides a morning and afternoon school contract. A reduction in pupil numbers meant that they can be accommodated on another, existing, school journey. This will provide a saving to the County Council's home to school transport but the reduction in income means that a six day a week service is no longer affordable. The proposed three day a week service is based on similar established services in Alton and elsewhere in Hampshire and the proposed timetable follows recent discussions with the wider community and surveys of existing passengers.

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Journeys throughout the day and across the week were surveyed in early 2017 to identify levels of use, journey purpose and boarding and alighting points. Local County Councillors and parish councils along the route were invited to make comments then and in June 2017 when passengers were surveyed regarding preferred destinations, length of stay and days of week. The proposed timetable takes on board the data gained and results of the engagement exercises.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations

Impact

Age Impact	Low Concessionary pass holders make up 60% of weekday passengers. Although this group would therefore be affected more than some others, surveys also show that 76% of journeys are for shopping and social purposes and the proposed service will maintain an essential transport link to facilitate those journeys.
Disability	Neutral

Sexual Orientation	Neutral
Race	Neutral
Religion and Belief	Neutral
Gender Reassignment	Neutral
Gender	Neutral
Marriage and civil partnership	Neutral
Pregnancy and Maternity	Neutral

Other policy considerations

Poverty	Neutral
Rurality	Neutral

Additional Information

The new route covers all the areas previously served and offers improved access in Basingstoke and Preston Candover. Although the service will run three days a week, not six, surveys show that most users travel one or two days a week or less. Concessionary pass holders make up 60% of week day passengers. Although this group would therefore be affected more than some others, surveys also show that 76% of journeys are for shopping and social purposes and the proposed service will maintain an essential transport link to facilitate those journeys.