
Subject: FW: Retendering of local bus services - New Forest area

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**To Town and Parish Clerks on bus routes 35, 112, 191, 192 and 194/195
Liaison officers at New Forest District Council and New Forest National Park Authority
cc local County Councillors**

At the New Forest Passenger Transport Forum on 22 January 2010, I provided an update on the recent retendering of supported local bus services in the Lymington, Lyndhurst, New Milton and Ringwood areas. I advised that:

- i. initial results indicate that tender prices have risen substantially, compared with existing contract prices
- ii. consideration was being given to how the cost can be contained within the existing budget
- iii. some economies might be necessary in order to ensure that every area currently served continues to receive a service

I outlined some suggestions that might help the County Council towards meeting the objectives in (ii) and (iii) above, covering:

- Service 112 between Lymington and Hythe

- New Milton Town Services 191, 192, 194/195

- Service 35 between Ringwood, Burley and Lyndhurst/Southampton

A report containing recommendations on the tender award will be considered by the Executive Member for Environment, Councillor Kendal, on 9 March 2010. I am now writing to seek the views of your council on the suggestions in relation to the service(s) in your area; it is important that these are reflected in the preparation of the report and we would be grateful to have your comments. As well as your observations on the suggested timetables, we would particularly welcome your views on this approach towards prioritising funding support.

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Service 35: Ringwood – Burley - Lyndhurst/Southampton

The cost of the new tender for service 35 is substantially higher than the existing contract; it greatly exceeds our normal subsidy criteria and it is unlikely that the County Council would be able to justify awarding it. However, Travelguest, trading as Dorset Sprinter now run a commercial service, numbered X5/X55 between Bournemouth, Ringwood and Southampton, four times a day (five on Saturdays). This offers more choice than Service 35, providing peak and off-peak journeys between Ringwood and Southampton. We are now investigating a "taxishare" service to provide local links between Lyndhurst, Burley and Ringwood.

Enclosed are links to:

- the existing Service 35 timetable – [See Appendix 1 attached – C Perrens, RTC](#)

<http://www.wdbus.co.uk/uploads/35.pdfmay09.pdf>

- the commercial Service X5 timetable and connecting X55 journeys from/to Bournemouth [See Appendix 2 attached – C Perrens, RTC](#)

<http://www.dorsetsprinter.com/>

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In order that officers may complete the report to the Executive Member, I should be grateful to have your views by 16 February 2010 at the latest, please. [Note: Deadline extended to 18 February – C Perrens RTC](#)

Finally, I would be grateful to know whether your council would be interested in contributing to the subsidy that might be required to retain the existing level of service, or a different alternative where available.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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DORSET SPRINTER

NEW Timetable Commencing Saturday 2nd January 2010

X55 BOURNEMOUTH - CASTLEPOINT - RINGWOOD					
	Service Operates Monday - Saturday (Except Public holidays)				SO
Bournemouth Square (Gervis place stand T)	07:00	10:00	11:30	15:10	17:10
Bournemouth Travel interchange (stand 3)	07:04	10:06	11:36	15:16	17:16
Richmond Arms (Charminster Road)	07:08	10:11	11:41	15:21	17:21
Bournemouth School (East Way)	07:12	10:16	11:46	15:26	17:26
Castlepoint (Castle Lane West)	07:16	10:20	11:50	15:30	17:30
Cooper Dean (Castle Lane West)	07:20	10:23	11:53	15:33	17:33
Ringwood (Meeting House stand A) arr	07:32	10:37	12:07	15:47	17:47
X5 RINGWOOD - POULNER - SOUTHAMPTON					
Ringwood (Meeting House stand A) dep	07:36	10:40	12:10	15:50	17:50
Poulner White Hart (Southampton Road)	07:41	10:45	12:15	15:55	17:55
A31/Stoney Cross Turning	07:51	10:55	12:25	16:05	18:05
Redbridge Roundabout	08:01	11:05	12:35	16:15	18:15
Millbrook Roundabout	08:05	11:08	12:38	16:18	18:18
Southampton Central Station (Blechynden Terrace)	08:12	11:13	12:43	16:23	18:23
Southampton Civic Centre (Havelock Road)	08:15	11:15	12:45	16:25	18:25
Southampton West Quay	08:20	11:20	12:50	16:30	18:30

SO = THIS JOURNEY OPERATES ON SATURDAYS ONLY (Indicated in Red Type)

X5 SOUTHAMPTON - POULNER - RINGWOOD					
	Service Operates Monday - Saturday (Except Public holidays)				SO
Southampton West Quay	09:40	13:40	15:40	17:40	19:00
BBC Studio (Havelock Road)	09:43	13:43	15:43	17:43	19:03
Southampton Central Station (Wyndham Place)	09:46	13:46	15:46	17:46	19:06
Millbrook Roundabout	09:52	13:52	15:52	17:52	19:11
Redbridge Roundabout	09:54	13:54	15:54	17:54	19:13
A31/Stoney Cross Turning	10:04	14:04	16:04	18:04	19:23
Poulner White Hart (Southampton Road)	10:14	14:14	16:14	18:14	19:33
Ringwood (Meeting House stand A) arr	10:18	14:18	16:18	18:18	19:37
X55 RINGWOOD - CASTLEPOINT - BOURNEMOUTH					
Ringwood (Meeting House stand A) dep	10:22	14:22	16:22	18:24	19:40
Cooper Dean (Castle Lane West)	10:35	14:35	16:35	18:37	19:52
Castlepoint (Castle Lane West)	10:39	14:39	16:40	18:42	19:55
Queens Park School (East Way)	10:43	14:43	16:45	18:46	19:58
Richmond Arms (Charminster Road)	10:49	14:49	16:52	18:52	20:03
Bournemouth Travel interchange (stand 3)	10:54	14:54	16:58	18:58	20:08
Bournemouth Square (Gervis place stand T)	10:59	14:59	17:03	19:03	20:12



Journeys on X55 & X5 connect at Ringwood - Transfer Fares Available
English National Concessionary Bus Passes are valid on the X5 & X55

Southampton - Lyndhurst - Ringwood via Burley

Monday to Saturdays

Southampton West Quay entrance	1051	1351
Southampton rail station	1056	1356
Millbrook roundabout west side	1101	1401
Rushington roundabout	1105	1405
Hounsdown Spicers Hill	1107	1407
Ashurst Alldays stores	1110	1410
Lyndhurst Lyndhurst Park Hotel	0715	0915
Swan Green	0718	0918
Knightwood Oak Burley Lodge Turn	0721	0921
Lyndhurst Lyndhurst Park Hotel	0721	0921
Swan Green	0721	0921
Holmsley Tea Rooms	0726	0926
Burley Queens Head	0731	0931
Burley Street	0734	0934
Poulner White Hart	0742	0942
Ringwood Meeting House Lane	0748	0948

Monday to Saturdays

Ringwood Meeting House Lane	0930	1230	1545	1810
Poulner White Hart	0934	1234	1549	1814
Burley Street	0942	1242	1557	1822
Burley Queens Head	0945	1245	1600	1825
Holmsley Tea Rooms	0950	1250	1605	1830
Knightwood Oak Burley Lodge Turn	0956	1256	1611	1836
Swan Green	1001	1301	1616	1841
Lyndhurst Lyndhurst Park Hotel	1003	1303	1618	1843
Lyndhurst Lyndhurst Park Hotel	1004	1304		
Ashurst Alldays stores	1009	1309		
Hounsdown Spicers Hill	1012	1312		
Rushington roundabout	1014	1314		
Millbrook roundabout west side	1023	1323		
Southampton rail station	1029	1329		
Southampton West Quay Entrance	1034	1334		