

EqlA: Detailed assessment of service change impact

**** Updated 08.01.19 following analysis of consultation ****

Service 42/42A: Monkton – Minster – Ramsgate – (Westwood Cross – Margate) (Monday to Saturday)

Service 42/42A provides a day time and peak service between the rural villages of Minster, Monkton and Cliffsend into Ramsgate and Margate on Monday to Saturday. KCC support the whole service.

Mondays to Fridays

Service	42	42	42	42	42	42A	42A	42
Service Restrictions						1	2	
Notes						SDO	SHOL	
Margate, Cecil Street Council Offices (Stop K)	—	—	—	—	1406	—	—	—
Margate, QEOM Hospital Main Entrance (Stop B)	—	—	—	—	1414	—	—	—
Westwood Cross, Shopping Centre (Stop A)	—	—	—	—	1420	—	1541	—
Westwood, opp Bus Garage	—	—	—	—	1422	—	1543	—
St Peter's, adj Dane Court School	—	—	—	—	—	1530	—	—
Northwood, at Royal Harbour Academy Newlands Lane	—	—	—	—	—	1537	—	—
Newington, adj Newington Road Post Office	—	—	—	—	1428	1546	1549	—
St Lawrence, opp Ellington Infant School	—	—	—	—	1432	1553	1553	—
Ramsgate, before Grange Road Roundabout	—	—	—	—	1435	1556	1556	—
Ramsgate, Leopold Street (Stop C)	0940	1055	1210	1325	1440	1600	1600	1718
St Lawrence, opp Eskdale Avenue	0948	1103	1218	1333	1448	1609	1609	1727
Cliffs End, o/s Post Office	0953	1108	1223	1338	1453	—	—	1732
Manna Hutte, Cliff View Road (N-bound)	—	—	—	—	—	1617	1617	—
Monkton, adj Parsonage Fields	1008	1123	1238	1353	1508	1634	1634	1747

Saturdays

Service	42	42	42	42	42
Westwood Cross, Shopping Centre (Stop A)	—	—	—	—	1420
Westwood, opp Bus Garage	—	—	—	—	1422
Newington, adj Newington Road Post Office	—	—	—	—	1428
St Lawrence, opp Ellington Infant School	—	—	—	—	1432
Ramsgate, before Grange Road Roundabout	—	—	—	—	1435
Ramsgate, Leopold Street (Stop C)	0940	1055	1210	1325	1440
St Lawrence, opp Eskdale Avenue	0948	1103	1218	1333	1448
Cliffs End, o/s Post Office	0953	1108	1223	1338	1453
Monkton, adj Parsonage Fields	1008	1123	1238	1353	1508

Mondays to Fridays

	Service		42					
	42A	42A	42	42	42	42	42	42
Service Restrictions	1		2					
Notes	SDO SHOL							
Monkton, adj Parsonage Fields	0727	0727	0900	1015	1130	1245	1400	1640
Cliffs End, opp Post Office			0917	1032	1147	1302	1417	1657
Minster, adj Church	0737	0737						
Manna Hutte, Cliff View Road (S-bound)	0747	0747						
St Lawrence, opp Eskdale Avenue	0756	0756	0927	1042	1157	1312	1427	1707
Ramsgate, Leopold Street (Stop C)	0806	0806	0936	1051	1206	1321	1436	1716
Ramsgate, after Grange Road Roundabout	0809	—	—	1055	—	—	—	—
St Lawrence, adj Ellington Infant School	0812	—	—	1058	—	—	—	—
Newington, opp Newington Road Post Office	0817	—	—	1102	—	—	—	—
St Peter's, o/s St George's School	0826	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Broadstairs, adj Fairfield Park	0831	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northwood, at Royal Harbour Academy Newlands Lane	0834	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Westwood, adj Bus Garage	—	—	—	1110	—	—	—	—
Westwood Cross, Shopping Centre (Stop B)	—	—	—	1112	—	—	—	—
Margate, QEOM Hospital Main Entrance (Stop A)	—	—	—	1117	—	—	—	—
Margate, Cecil Square (Stop J)	—	—	—	1125	—	—	—	—

Saturdays

	Service				
	42	42	42	42	42
Monkton, adj Parsonage Fields	0900	1015	1130	1245	1400
Cliffs End, opp Post Office	0917	1032	1147	1302	1417
St Lawrence, opp Eskdale Avenue	0927	1042	1157	1312	1427
Ramsgate, Leopold Street (Stop C)	0936	1051	1206	1321	1436
Ramsgate, after Grange Road Roundabout	—	1055	—	—	—
St Lawrence, adj Ellington Infant School	—	1058	—	—	—
Newington, opp Newington Road Post Office	—	1102	—	—	—
Westwood, adj Bus Garage	—	1110	—	—	—
Westwood Cross, Shopping Centre (Stop B)	—	1112	—	—	—

The service has been identified as carrying elderly persons, Carers and those with a mobility impairment who travel using an English National Concessionary Travel Pass. These persons therefore form part of the **Age, Disability and Carer** protected groups. In addition, the consultation has highlighted that a high percentage of responders were female, and this may indicate that there is a greater impact depending on **Gender** which is also defined as a protected group.

These protected groups have been identified as potentially being more reliant on public transport than other groups of society and for whom the impact of its withdrawal might be greater.

The estimated annual number of passengers using these journeys is 44 599 per annum including 8 502 YPTP pass holders and 21 729 ENCTS pass holders.

The Proposal is to withdraw service 42/42A in its entirety. It will be replaced by alterations to commercial services such as service 9, which currently operates along the Canterbury Road. This service would be diverted via Monkton and Minster providing hourly services to Ramsgate and Broadstairs as well as services to Canterbury in the opposite direction. Cliffsend would no longer receive a service directly through the village, however we are currently exploring alternative route options for service 9 with Stagecoach. The Nethercourt Estate would be served by service 43 which would be renumbered 34.

Adverse Impacts

We have identified that there will be an adverse impact on four protected groups namely; Elderly Persons, Disabled persons, Gender and persons with Carer responsibilities all of whom have also been identified as user groups on the service identified.

This service represents the only bus service for many areas where currently no other forms of public transport exist. If these proposals were implemented Cliffsend would lose a service through the village centre and passengers would be required to access services on the Canterbury Road to the North (service 9) and the Sandwich Road to the South (service 43).

Cliffsend is a retirement area with a large elderly population many of whom are less mobile. It is unlikely these residents would be able to make the walk to Canterbury Road or Sandwich Road as it is a significant distance without footpaths and insufficient lighting. This may result in increase social isolation in this area.

It should be noted that Cliffsend has no doctor's surgery or pharmacy and has a limited general store. Residents are registered at Minster Surgery and do essential food shopping in the village. The current 42 also provides a direct link from Cliffsend to the QEQM hospital and Westwood Cross which would be lost. Overall access to healthcare and essential food shopping would be severely impacted particularly for those that don't drive or own a car and therefore have no alternative.

Positive Impacts

Ultimately there will be no positive impact for the Nethercourt Estate or Cliffsend Village if the proposals are implemented.

However, the introduction of service 9 to Monkton and Minster would provide a more than adequate service to these villages and create new journey opportunities for the local communities as well as a more frequent service.

The introduction of service 43 (renumbered 34) to Nethercourt Estate would maintain a service to Ramsgate but would also provide new journey opportunities to Westwood Cross, QEQM hospital and Margate.

Service 56: Broadstairs – Westwood Cross – Margate (Monday to Saturdays)

This contract provides an off-peak service Monday to Saturday between Broadstairs and Margate via Westwood Cross, St. Peters and Broadstairs. There is no school flow on this service.

Mondays to Fridays

Broadstairs, adj Lindenthorpe Road	—	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	—	1632	1742
Broadstairs, adj The Royal Albion Hotel	—	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	—	1638	1748
Broadstairs, adj Pierremont Hall	—	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	—	1642	1752
St Peter's, o/s Surgery	—	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	—	1647	1757
Broadstairs, adj Fairfield Park	0849	0949	1049	1149	1249	1349	1449	—	1649	1759
Rumfields, opp The Hawthorns	0852	0952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	—	1652	1802
Westwood, adj Bus Garage	0858	0958	1058	1158	1258	1358	1458	—	1658	1808
Westwood Cross, Shopping Centre (Stop A)	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	—	1700	1810
Westwood, opp Tesco	0902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	—	1702	—
Westwood, Retail Park (W-bound)	0904	1004	1104	1204	1304	1404	1504	—	1704	—
St Peter's, opp Asda	0908	1008	1108	1208	1308	1408	1508	1620	1708	—
Margate, adj QEQM Hospital St Peters Road Wing	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1626	1716	—
Dane Valley, opp Western Road	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1629	1719	—
Cliftonville, Eastern Esplanade (W-bound)	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	—	1635	1725	—
Margate, opp Winter Gardens	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	—	1637	1727	—
Margate, Cecil Square (Stop F)	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	—	1641	1731	—

Saturdays

Broadstairs, adj Lindenthorpe Road	0832				1432	1532				
Broadstairs, adj The Royal Albion Hotel	0838				1438	1538				
Broadstairs, adj Pierremont Hall	0842				1442	1542				
St Peter's, o/s Surgery	0847				1447	1547				
Broadstairs, adj Fairfield Park	0849				1449	1549				
Rumfields, opp The Hawthorns	0852	then			1452	1552				
Westwood, adj Bus Garage	0858	at			1458	1558				
Westwood Cross, Shopping Centre (Stop A)	0900	these			1500	1600				
Westwood, opp Tesco	0902	mins		until	1502	—				
Westwood, Retail Park (W-bound)	0904	past			1504	—				
St Peter's, opp Asda	0908	each			1508	—				
Margate, adj QEQM Hospital St Peters Road Wing	0916	hour			1516	—				
Dane Valley, opp Western Road	0919				1519	—				
Cliftonville, Eastern Esplanade (W-bound)	0925				1525	—				
Margate, opp Winter Gardens	0927				1527	—				
Margate, Cecil Square (Stop F)	0931				1531	—				

Mondays to Fridays

Margate, Cecil Square (Stop F)	—	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	—	1645	—
Margate, Zion Place (N-bound)	—	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	—	1648	—
Cliftonville, opp Surrey Road	—	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	—	1650	—
Dane Valley, adj Western Road	—	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	—	1655	—
Margate, opp QEQM Hospital St Peters Road Wing	—	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	—	1658	—
St Peter's, adj Asda	0847	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	—	1704	—
Westwood, Retail Park (W-bound)	0850	0957	1057	1157	1257	1357	1457	—	1707	—
Westwood, adj Tesco	0852	0959	1059	1159	1259	1359	1459	—	1709	—
Westwood Cross, Shopping Centre (Stop A)	0854	1001	1101	1201	1301	1401	1501	—	1711	—
Westwood, opp Bus Garage	0856	1003	1103	1203	1303	1403	1503	—	1713	—
Rumfields, opp Holly Close	0903	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	—	1720	—
Broadstairs, opp Fairfield Park	0906	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	—	1723	—
St Peter's, o/s Surgery	0908	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	—	1725	—
Broadstairs, opp Pierremont Hall	0913	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1730	—
Broadstairs, opp The Royal Albion Hotel	0917	1024	1124	1224	1324	1424	—	1624	1734	—
Broadstairs, adj Lindenthorpe Road	0923	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	—	1630	1740	—

Saturdays

Margate, Cecil Square (Stop F)	—	0935			35		1435			
Margate, Zion Place (N-bound)	—	0938			38		1438			
Cliftonville, opp Surrey Road	—	0940			40		1440			
Dane Valley, adj Western Road	—	0945			45		1445			
Margate, opp QEQM Hospital St Peters Road Wing	—	0948			48		1448			
St Peter's, adj Asda	0847	0954	then		54		1454			
Westwood, Retail Park (W-bound)	0850	0957	at		57		1457			
Westwood, adj Tesco	0852	0959	these		59		1459			
Westwood Cross, Shopping Centre (Stop A)	0854	1001	mins		01	until	1501			
Westwood, opp Bus Garage	0856	1003	past		03		1503			
Rumfields, opp Holly Close	0903	1010	each		10		1510			
Broadstairs, opp Fairfield Park	0906	1013	hour		13		1513			
St Peter's, o/s Surgery	0908	1015			15		1515			
Broadstairs, opp Pierremont Hall	0913	1020			20		1520			
Broadstairs, opp The Royal Albion Hotel	0917	1024			24		1524			
Broadstairs, adj Lindenthorpe Road	0923	1030			30		1530			

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These protected groups have been identified as potentially being more reliant on public transport than other groups of society and for whom the impact of its withdrawal might be greater.

The estimated annual number of passengers using this service is 94 033, which includes 69 035 ENCTS pass holders.

The proposals would see the withdrawal of service 56 in its entirety. In most instances' passengers will have access to alternative commercial services and where this is not the case the Council has worked with Stagecoach to develop changes to other services that help to provide alternatives and minimise the impact.

The majority of the 56 service between Broadstairs, St Peters, Westwood Cross and Margate would be replaced by a new service 37. Milmead and Dane Valley would have service 32, Northdown Road service 8 and Eastern Esplanade an extended service 38. Those in Devonshire Gardens would be required to walk to Eastern Esplanade or Northdown Road.

Adverse Impact

We have identified a potential impact on four protected groups namely; Elderly Persons, Disabled persons, Gender and persons with Carer responsibilities all of whom have also been identified as user groups on service 56.

In most instances, alternative services will be provided either through alterations to the commercial network or from the introduction of new services. However bespoke journeys may be lost, and passengers may be required to travel at alternative times or their journey may require a change of bus service at key interchange points. In addition, new service 37 is limited in its frequency and times of operation and this may have implications for users who wish to access afternoon appointments at their surgery or at the QEQM hospital.

It was also highlighted in the consultation that Northdown Surgery will soon be merged with Bethesda Surgery and that removing this service will have implications for those living in Devonshire Gardens, Milmead and Northdown Road who will likely be transferred to an enlarged Bethesda Surgery and would no longer have direct access. There would no longer be direct link from these areas to QEQM hospital and Westwood Cross.

Positive Impact

Ultimately there will be no positive impact for users of services / journeys subject to reduction or withdrawal. However, the impact has been minimised as far as possible with the introduction of a new service 37 and alterations to the commercial network.

Service 39/39A: St Peters – Ramsgate - Dumpton (Monday to Saturdays)

Service 39/39A provides a day time and peak service between St Peters, Ramsgate and Dumpton on Monday to Saturday. KCC support the whole service.

Mondays to Fridays

Service	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Service Restrictions							1	2	
Notes							SHOL	SDO	
St Peter's, o/s Surgery	0900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St Peter's, adj Asda	0904	1004	1104	1204	1304	1404	—	—	1619
Newington, o/s Royal Harbour Academy Marlowe Way							—	1526	—
Newington, opp Gwyn Road North	0911	1011	1111	1211	1311	1411	1531	1531	1626 1711
Ramsgate, opp Broad Street	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	1539	1539	1634 1719
Dumpton, Sherwood Gardens (W-bound)	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1549	1549	1644 1729

Saturdays

Service	39	39	39	39	39
St Peter's, adj Asda	0904	1004	1104	1204	1304
Newington, opp Gwyn Road North	0911	1011	1111	1211	1311
Ramsgate, opp Broad Street	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319
Dumpton, Sherwood Gardens (W-bound)	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329

Mondays to Fridays

Service	39A	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Dumpton, Sherwood Gardens (W-bound)	0753	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1549	1644
Dumpton, adj Brown Jug	0756	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1552	1647
Ramsgate, Harbour (Stop E)	0805								
Ramsgate, adj Ramsgate Railway Station	0813								
Dumpton, adj Winterstoke Way		0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1555	1650
Ramsgate, opp Broad Street		0941	1041	1141	1241	1341	1441	1601	1656
Newington, The Centre (W-bound)	0823								
Newington, adj Gwyn Road North		0948	1048	1148	1248	1348	1448	1608	1703
St Peter's, adj Asda		0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	—	1615	—
St Peter's, opp Asda	0836	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
St Peter's, o/s Surgery	0840	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Saturdays

Service	39	39	39	39	39	39
Dumpton, Sherwood Gardens (W-bound)	0829	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329
Dumpton, adj Brown Jug	0832	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332
Dumpton, adj Winterstoke Way	0835	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335
Ramsgate, opp Broad Street	0841	0941	1041	1141	1241	1341
Newington, adj Gwyn Road North	0848	0948	1048	1148	1248	1348
St Peter's, adj Asda	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	—

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These protected groups have been identified as potentially being more reliant on public transport than other groups of society and for whom the impact of its withdrawal might be greater.

The estimated annual number of passengers using these journeys is 43 201 per annum including 27 151 ENCTS pass holders and a small number 659 YPTP/16+ holders.

The proposals would see the withdrawal of service 39/39A in its entirety. A replacement service will be provided to Dumpton and Sherwood Gardens to Ramsgate providing connections for onward journeys and a direct link to the Montefiore Medical Centre would be maintained. It has been determined that users elsewhere on the route will be able to access alternative commercial services operating to greater frequencies. This may in some instances require a short walk to the nearest bus stop served.

Adverse Impact

We have identified that there will be an adverse impact on four protected groups namely; Elderly Persons, Disabled persons, Gender and persons with Carer responsibilities all of whom have also been identified as user groups on service 39/39A.

Route 39/39A is duplicated by several commercial services along much of its route. In most instances alternative services are available although these alternatives may operate at different times and may require a change of service at key interchange points. Direct links to shops such as ASDA would be lost, and it is possible other bespoke journeys may also be affected.

Positive Impacts

Ultimately there will be no positive impact for users of services as it is proposed to withdraw this service.

Services 404: Edenbridge - Ide Hill – Sevenoaks – Shipbourne - Plaxtol and Service 405: Sevenoaks – Otford – West Kingsdown

This contract provides a full weekday 404 service between Ide Hill and Sevenoaks together with a peak timed service between Edenbridge and Sevenoaks.

This contract also funds a Wednesday only 405 service between West Kingsdown and Sevenoaks via Otford. The majority of the areas served do have access to alternative service 429 but the impact of the withdrawal will also be further mitigated by the implementation of a new 'Taxi Bus' Service to Sevenoaks.

Current Timetables

Edenbridge - Ide Hill - Sevenoaks - Igham Mote - Shipbourne - Plaxtol											404										
Mondays to Fridays											SHOL	SDO								NW	W
Edenbridge, o/s Post Office	725	725	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1640	1640									
Edenbridge, opp Farmstead Drive	728	728	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1643	1643									
Maripit Hill, Ridgeway Estate (E-bound)	730	730	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1645										
Four Elms, opp Brookfield	734	734	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1650										
Crockham Hill, adj Royal Oak			~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		1649									
Westerham, o/s Chartwell			~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		1654									
Four Elms, Four Elms Crossroads (NE-bound)	735	735	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~		1700									
Ide Hill, adj The Cock	745	745	~	1045	~	1355	~	~	~	~	1700	1710									
Bayleys Hill, Crossroads (NE-bound)	751	751	~	1051	~	1401	~	~	~	~	1706	1716									
Sevenoaks, adj Julians Close	756	756	~	1056	~	1406	~	~	~	~	1711	1721									
Sevenoaks, Bus Station (Stop A) arr	801	801	~	1101	~	1411	~	~	~	~	1716	1726									
Sevenoaks, Bus Station (Stop A) dep	801	801	919	~	1225	1415	1526	1549	1735	1735											
Sevenoaks, adj Sevenoaks Railway Station	805	805	923	~	1229	1419	1530	1553	1739	1739											
Sevenoaks, adj Blair Drive	~	807	925	~	1231	1421		1555	1741	1741											
St John's, Bayham Road (SE-bound)	~	810	927	~	1233	1423		1557	1743	1743											
Greatness, o/s Trinity School	~	814		~																	
Sevenoaks, o/s Knole Academy	~	833		~			1538														
Greatness, o/s Trinity School	~	~		~			1548														
Godden Green, opp Bucks Head	~	~	931	~	1237	1427	1555	1601	1747	1747											
Fawke Common, adj Fawke Farm House	~	~	933	~	1239	1429	1557	1603	1749	1749											
Bitchet Green, adj The Coppice	~	~	935	~	1241	1431	1559	1605	1751	1751											
Stone Street, opp The Snail	~	~	937	~	1243	1433	1601	1607	1753	1753											
Ivy Hatch, adj The Plough	~	~	941	~	1247	1437	1605	1611	1757	1757											
Ivy Hatch, o/s Ightham Mote	~	~	944	~	1250																
Shipbourne, Church (E-bound) arr	~	~	952	~	1258	1442	1616	1616	1802	1802											
Shipbourne, Church (E-bound) dep	~	~	953	~	1300	1443	1617	1617	1802	1802											
Dunk's Green, adj Old Post Office	~	~	956	~	1303	1446	1620	1620	1805	1805											
Plaxtol, opp Church	~	~	1000	~	1307	1450	1624	1624	1809	1809											
Plaxtol - Shipbourne - Ightham Mote - Sevenoaks - Ide Hill - Edenbridge											404										
											SHOL	SDO									
Shipbourne, Church (E-bound)	740	740	953	1300	1443	~	~	1617	~												
Dunk's Green, adj Old Post Office	743	743	956	1303	1446	~	~	1620	~												
Plaxtol, opp Church	747	747	1000	1307	1450	~	~	1624	~												
Ivy Hatch, o/s Ightham Mote					1458	~	~	1632	~												
Ivy Hatch, opp The Plough	752	752	1005	1312	1501	~	~	1635	~												
Stone Street, adj Pond Lane	756	756	1009	1316	1505	~	~	1639	~												
Bitchet Green, opp The Coppice	758	758	1011	1318	1507	~	~	1641	~												
Fawke Common, opp Fawke Farm House	801	801	1013	1320	1509	~	~	1643	~												
Godden Green, adj Bucks Head	804	804	1015	1322	1511	~	~	1645	~												
Sevenoaks, o/s Knole Academy						~	1535		~												
Greatness, o/s Trinity School		812				~	1545		~												
Sevenoaks, o/s Knole Academy		822				~			~												
St John's, Bayham Road (NW-bound)	808		1019	1326	1515	1547	1547	1649	~												
Sevenoaks, opp Sevenoaks Railway Station	811	830	1023	1330	1519	1551	1551	1653	1800												
Sevenoaks, Bus Station (Stop A)	815	834	1027	1334	1523	1555	1555	1657	1804												
Sevenoaks, opp Julians Close	~	~	1032	1339	~	1600	1600	~	1809												
Bayleys Hill, Crossroads (SW-bound)	~	~	1037	1344	~	1605	1605	~	1814												
Ide Hill, opp The Cock	~	~	1043	1350	~	1611	1611	~	1820												
Four Elms, adj Brookfield	~	~	~	~	~	1621	1621	~	1830												
Maripit Hill, Ridgeway Estate (W-bound)	~	~	~	~	~	1626	1626	~	1835												
Edenbridge, adj Farmstead Drive	~	~	~	~	~	1628	1628	~	1837												
Edenbridge, opp Post Office	~	~	~	~	~	1631	1631	~	1840												

Sevenoaks - Otford - West Kingsdown		405
Wednesdays only		
Sevenoaks, Bus Station (Stop A)	905	1230
St John's, Bayham Road (NW-bound)		1235
St John's, Hillingdon Rise (NE-bound)		1238
Bat & Ball, opp St Johns Hill Hospital	910	1240
Otford, nr Pond	913	1243
Otford, Railway Station (Stop B)	914	1244
West Kingsdown, o/s East Hill Farm Park		1254
West Kingsdown, opp Woodlands Village Golf Club	924	1259
West Kingsdown, opp Portobello Inn	932	1307
West Kingsdown, adj Hever Road Shops	934	1309
West Kingsdown Otford - Sevenoaks		405
Wednesdays only		
West Kingsdown, adj Hever Road Shops	935	1315
West Kingsdown, o/s Portobello Inn	938	1318
West Kingsdown, adj Woodlands Village Golf Club	946	1326
West Kingsdown, o/s East Hill Farm Park	951	
Otford, Railway Station (Stop A)	1001	1334
Otford, opp Pond	1002	1340
Bat & Ball, opp The Castle	1007	1343
St John's, Hillingdon Rise (NE-bound)	1009	
St John's, Bayham Road (SE-bound)	1012	
Sevenoaks, Bus Station (Stop A)	1017	1345

We have identified these services regularly carry elderly persons and those with mobility impairment and companions who travel using an English National Concessionary Travel Pass. In addition, the consultation showed a high percentage of responders were female, and where the respondent was writing on their own behalf, that there is a greater impact on gender which is also defined as a protected group.

The estimated annual number of passengers using these journeys is 26,500 including 5,500 ENCTS pass holders and 13,700 students including 23 students who are entitled to free travel to Knole Academy and Trinity School.

The proposal would see a reduction in the overall number of journeys and a shortening of the off-peak route, no longer serving Shipbourne, Dunks Green and Plaxtol.

The well-used school journeys will continue as now but operate on a commercial basis with no financial support.

Proposed Timetables

Edenbridge to Sevenoaks and Ightham Mote							
	SDO	SHOL					
Edenbridge, Post Office	725	725	935	1200	~	1455	~
Edenbridge, Fircroft Way	728	728	938	1203	~	1458	~
Marlpit Hill, Ridgeway Estate	730	730	942	1207	~	1502	~
Four Elms, opp Brookfield	735	735	947	1212	~	1507	~
Ide Hill, The Cock	745	745	957	1222	~	1517	~
Bayleys Hill, Crossroads	751	751	1003	1228	~	1523	~
Sevenoaks, adj Julians Close	756	756	1009	1234	~	1529	~
Sevenoaks, Bus Station	801	801	1015	1240	1310	1535	1540
Sevenoaks, Railway Station	805	805	1019		1314	~	1544
Sevenoaks, Blair Drive	807	~	1021	~	1316	~	
St John's, Bayham Road	810	~	1024	~	1319	~	
Greatness, Trinity School	814	~		~		~	
Sevenoaks, Knole Academy	834	~		~		~	1552
Greatness, Trinity School	~	~		~		~	1602
Godden Green	~	~	1028		1323	~	1609
Fawke Common	~	~	1030	~	1325	~	1611
Bitchet Green	~	~	1033		1328	~	1613
Stone Street	~	~	1035	~	1330	~	1615
Ivy Hatch	~		1039		1334	~	1619
Ightham Mote	~	~	1043	~	1338	~	
Shipbourne, Church	~	~	~	~	~	~	1630
Dunk's Green	~	~	~	~	~	~	1633
Plaxtol, Church	~	~	~	~	~	~	1637

Ightham Mote to Sevenoaks and Edenbridge					
	SDO			SDO	SHOL
Shipbourne, Church	740	~	~	~	~
Dunk's Green	743	~	~	~	~
Plaxtol, Church	747	~	~	~	~
Ightham Mote		1045	1340	~	~
Ivy Hatch	752	1049	1344	~	~
Stone Street	756	1053	1348	~	~
Bitchet Green	758	1055	1350	~	~
Fawke Common	801	1058	1353	~	~
Godden Green	804	1101	1356	~	~
Greatness, Trinity School	812			~	~
Sevenoaks, Knole Academy	822			1535	~
Greatness, Trinity School				1545	~
St John's, Bayham Road		1105	1400	1547	~
Sevenoaks, Railway Station	830	1110	1405	1551	1551
Sevenoaks, Bus Station	845	1114	1409	1555	1555
Sevenoaks, adj Julians Close	850	1119	1413	1600	1600
Bayleys Hill, Crossroads	900	1129	1423	1605	1605
Ide Hill, The Cock	904	1133	1427	1611	1611
Four Elms, opp Brookfield	914	1143	1437	1621	1621
Marlpit Hill, Ridgeway Estate	919	1148	1442	1626	1626
Edenbridge, Fircroft Way	923	1152	1446	1628	1628
Edenbridge, Tesco	927	1156	1450	1631	1631

Negative Impacts

Route 405 (Wednesday only) would be withdrawn completely. It is there to serve East Hill Farm but no more than 2 passengers use it weekly. This section of route will be served by a new 'Taxi Bus' service being provided by KCC as a Pilot scheme for the 'Big Conversation'.

Route 404 (Wednesday only) would be withdrawn completely from serving Chartwell House. This is not used by anyone.

Route 404, Shipbourne, Dunk's Green and Plaxtol will not have a service during the day. Bus users have access to the KCC supported 222 which links all these villages to Tonbridge and Borough Green. We therefore believe there is no requirement for a natural link to Sevenoaks. Instead the bus will terminate at Ightham Mote. Evening journeys will be withdrawn as they are very poorly used which may have an impact for any workers relying on later journeys returning to Shipbourne, Dunks Green and Plaxtol.

It is already been identified that concerns felt by older bus users that the reduction in service will isolate those without access to a car and especially those without the financial means to afford taxi fares.

The revised route will impact upon those passengers, especially those travelling on a concessionary pass for age or mobility reasons, who still wish to travel to Sevenoaks but will have a less convenient journey. Following the change these passengers would now have to consider walking to the new route, albeit not a long distance but one that goes along unlit country lanes.

Positive Impacts

The benefits significantly outweigh the impacts. There will be a daytime service from Edenbridge through to Sevenoaks and on to Ightham Mote. This will for the first time, provide a link to Sevenoaks District's second largest concentration of social housing at Edenbridge with their administrative centre at Sevenoaks. Also there will be an improved shopping service from the outlying villages to Sevenoaks. Schools are not affected as students from Plaxtol will be carried as present and students from Edenbridge will be accommodated on the new commercial service.

The 404 service will in future offer a consistent service throughout the week. The existing timetable is outdated and confusing. The impact here is minimal as many of the journeys are local to Sevenoaks where there are alternative options.

Residents of West Kingsdown who use the Wednesday 405 service would lose the link to Sevenoaks but would continue to have a bus link (service 429) to Swanley or Dartford.