



Buckinghamshire Council

Notice of the making of an Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme

Buckinghamshire Council here by give notice to qualifying local bus operators that it has made an Enhanced Partnership (EP) Plan and Scheme in line with the requirement of the National Bus Strategy and following the guidance laid out in The National Bus Strategy Delivering Bus Service Improvement Plans using an Enhanced Partnership (Guidance).

A qualifying local bus operator is (as set out in section 4.2 of the Bus Services Act 2017, Enhanced Partnership Guidance, 2021 update) an operator of a local bus service which is not:

- A service run under sections 89 to 91 of the Transport Act 1985 where the authority retains all the revenue from that service;
- A registered local service which is an excursion or tour;
- A service operated under Section 22 of the Transport Act 1985 (a community bus service); or
- Where the service has 10% or less of its overall distance (not just the distance within the Buckinghamshire Council boundary) registered as a local bus service.

Operators who only operate services under the above categories were consulted as part of the later Stakeholder Consultation phase.

Qualifying operators had 28 days to object to the draft EP Plan and Scheme documentation, by Friday 29th September 2023. No objections were received.

A stakeholder consultation was issued on 16th November 2023. No changes were made to the Plan or Scheme as a result of this consultation.

The Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme will be available to view on the Buckinghamshire Council website (at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/bus-passes-and-travel/bus-schemes-strategies-and-guidance/national-bus-strategy/>) within 14 days of the issuance of this notice.

If you have any queries or questions please contact passtrans@buckinghamshire.gov.uk