

County Council Update from County Councillor Anne Wight July 2018

Arriva Bus Changes

From 30th July 2018 route 61 will be operated by Red Eagle instead of Arriva. Red Eagle are based in Aylesbury and a sister company of Redline Buses who run Service 164 to Cheddington. Full timetables for these changes can be found on the BCC website.

Rural Bus Survey

At the moment, Bucks County Council is in the process of reviewing views on rural bus routes until 20 July on the BCC website. We would like as many residents as possible to provide their views.

Background

Many of the bus routes serving rural areas of Buckinghamshire need ongoing financial support from the County Council to operate. We want as many people as possible in our village communities to have access to public transport, so you can get out and about and do what's important to you, such as go to the doctors, the shops or visit friends and family. We need to plan carefully to make sure we use this money as effectively as possible.

How to have your say

Please complete the online survey which you can find on the BCC website or by using the link address below.

If you would prefer to fill in a printed version of the survey or would like an **Easy Read** version, please find on the website to print off. Alternatively, they are available at any Buckinghamshire library or from our Public Transport Team (see contact details below).

What happens next?

We'll review all the survey feedback this summer, and later in 2018 we'll carry out a consultation on any proposed changes.

Contact

Enquiries about this review can be made by email to our Public Transport Team on passtrans@buckscc.gov.uk or by phoning 01296 382416.

<https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=7382>

London Luton Airport Ltd Non-Statutory Expansion Consultation

As Pitstone residents have been very vocal in their concerns to me about aircraft noise and particularly night flights, London Luton Airport are consulting on expansion plans and have invited communities and stakeholders to participate.

The consultation runs until 31 August, 2018 and information can be accessed via this link:

<https://futureluton.llal.org.uk>

The events timetable is included for your convenience below.

At our request at the LLACC meeting last week, it was agreed by LLAL to also hold an event at Pitstone Memorial Hall on 31 July from 4 – 8 pm. I made the point that several Pitstone residents have contacted me to indicate that they do feel very strongly about aircraft noise and so this additional event has now been included in the timetable, and there will be more information on that on the various websites as well.

Do please turn up to have your say!

Non Statutory Consultation events

Date	Time	Venue
Monday 9 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	University of Bedfordshire, Luton Campus, Vicarage Street, Luton LU1 3JU
Tuesday 10 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	Oaklands College, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire AL8 6AH
Wednesday 11 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	Eaton Bray Village Hall, Church Lane, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 2DJ
Friday 13 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	Jubilee Centre, Catherine Street, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL3 5BU
Monday 16 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	Hitchin Town Hall, Brand Street, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 1HX
Tuesday 17 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	The Old Town Hall, High Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP1 3AE
Wednesday 18 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	Southdown Room, Harpenden Public Halls, Southdown Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 1PD
Saturday 21 July 2018	1.30pm until 5pm	Raynham Community Centre, 66 Eaton Green Road, Luton LU2 9JE
Monday 23 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	Ellen Terry Room, 2nd Floor, Stevenage Arts and Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Hertfordshire SG1 1LZ
Wednesday 25 July 2018	4pm until 8pm	Mead Hall, East Lane, Wheathampstead, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL4 8BP
Thursday 26 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	The Incuba, 1 Brewers Hill Road, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 1AA

Friday 27 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	Breachwood Green Village Hall, Chapel Road, Breachwood Green, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 8NX
Saturday 28 July 2018	1pm until 4:30pm	Flamstead Village Hall, Church Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL3 8BN
Monday 30 July 2018	2pm until 8pm	Stockwood Discovery Centre, London Road, Luton LU1 7HA
Wednesday 1 August 2018	2pm until 8pm	Caddington Sports and Social Club, Manor Road, Caddington, Luton LU1 4HH
Thursday 2 August 2018	4pm until 8pm	Whitwell New Fellowship Hall, 9 Bendish Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG4 8HX
Saturday 4 August 2018	12pm until 4:30pm	Linslade Community Hall, Waterloo Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 2NR

Additional: **Tuesday 31st July at Pitstone Memorial Hall, Vicarage Rd, Pitstone, Leighton Buzzard LU7 9EY, open to the public from 4pm – 8pm.**

Early Help Consultation planned for October

The Council will be starting a new consultation process on how families are supported through its Early Help services.

Further details will be provided when the consultation is launched in October 2018.

The timeline for this consultation is as follows:

Pre-Consultation - July - August 2018

- BMG Research (independent research agency) carries out in-depth interviews with residents, partners and organisations*
- Design of the consultation

Public Consultation - October 2018 for 10 weeks

- Survey published for residents, partners and organisations to respond to
- Public meetings held across Buckinghamshire

Cabinet Decision - March 2019

- Decision made on Early Help service
- Details and timeline for the start of new service arrangements provided

*Please note that residents, partners and organisations will be invited to take part in this part of the consultation. It is extremely important that in the first phase of the research, views about each of the services we currently provide are heard from the people using them. This means that the information that is collected is fair and unbiased.