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PART A - FORWARD DIARY

Key to abbreviations:

CC	Council Chamber	Cab Off	Cabinet Office
CR1	Committee Room 1	CONF	Conference Room (1st floor)
CR2	Committee Room 2	CH OFF	Chairman of Council's Office
MR	Members' Room	TR RM	Training Room
TBD	To be decided	HEM	Hemnall Street Offices.
TBN	To be noted	HH	Homefield House
TBC	To be confirmed	ESC	Epping Sports Centre

Other venues are shown in full.

Week One: 20 May 2019 – 26 May 2019

Monday 20 May	7.30pm	Council	CC
Tuesday 21 May			
Wednesday 22 May			
Thursday 23 May		European Parliament Elections	
Friday 24 May			
Saturday 25 May			
Sunday 26 May			

Week Two: 27 May 2019 – 1 Jun 2019

Monday 27 May		Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 28 May			
Wednesday 29 May	6.30pm 7.30pm	Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee South Area Planning Sub-Committee South	CR1 CC
Thursday 30 May	2.00pm	Member Training - Digital Leadership & Inclusion Workshop	CR1
Friday 31 May			
Saturday 1 June			
Sunday 2 Jun			

Week Three: 3 June 2019 – 9 June 2019

Monday 3 June	10.00am	Member Training - Chairmanship of Area Plans Sub-Committee	CR1
Tuesday 4 June	10.00am 7.30pm	Licensing Sub-Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee	CC CC
Wednesday 5 June	7.30pm	District Development Management Committee	CC
Thursday 6 June	9.00am	Member Training - Licensing	CC
Friday 7 June			
Saturday 8 June			
Sunday 9 June			

Week Four: 10 June 2019 – 16 June 2019

Monday 10 June			
Tuesday 11 June	7.00pm	Epping Forest Youth Council	CC
Wednesday 12 June	6.30pm 7.30pm	Briefing – Area Plans Sub-Committee East Area Planning Sub-Committee East	CR1 CC
Thursday 13 June	7.00pm	Cabinet	CC
Friday 14 June			
Saturday 15 June			
Sunday 16 June			

PART B - ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Committee Management System

The members' extranet facility for the Modern.Gov system is available at:

<https://eppingforestextranet.moderngov.co.uk/extranet>

Members may wish to save this link on their computer or mobile devices. Queries concerning login and password details for the extranet should be addressed to the Democratic Services Manager.

Constitution

The Council's Constitution is available at:

<https://rds.eppingforestdc.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=638&Info=1>

Queries concerning the Constitution should be addressed to the Democratic Services Manager

PART C - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FORMS

Would all Councillors please take a moment to review their Declaration of Interests form.

Please contact Kim Partridge, kpartridge@eppingforestdc.gov.uk if you would like to update your form.

(Further information: Kim Partridge ext 4443)

2. HIGHWAYS HIGHLIGHTS BULLETIN

The monthly bulletin issued by Essex County Council's Cabinet Member for Infrastructure is attached for the information of members.

(Further information: Stephen Tautz ext 4180)

3. NOTIFICATION OF CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO THE USE OF CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES ON ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL RUN PARK AND RIDE SERVICES MAY 2019 (Pages 13 - 30)

Essex County Council is consulting on the use of the older person's bus pass on County Council run Park and Ride services in Essex. We are also consulting on making a reduced charge for people using the disability based bus pass before 9am on the Park and Ride services. This consultation gives you the opportunity to let us know your views about the proposals.

The consultation commences from 08 May and will run until **31 July 2019**, it will be available online at : www.essex.gov.uk/park-and-ride-fares-consultation

Paper copies of the questionnaire will be available from the Sandon, Chelmer Valley and Colchester Park and Ride sites.

Posters will be displayed at the Park & Ride sites, please find a copy of the poster attached, we would appreciate it if you promote the consultation in your area via your website and/or newsletters.

(Further information: passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk)

4. DIGITAL LEADERSHIP & INCLUSION WORKSHOPS

We are working with Citizens Online, a digital inclusion charity to; inform our digital strategy and improve digital skills provision throughout the district.

As part of this project, we are running an interactive workshop for Members on **Thursday 30 May, in CR1 from 14.00-16.00** to;

1. Explore Digital Leadership as a concept and Digital Leader as a role.
2. Understand how digital inclusion sits at the heart of digital transformation.
3. Develop confidence and motivation in making a digital change in your organisation.
4. Explore what makes a good digital organisation.
5. Identify practical approaches and digital solutions to develop, maintain and embed organisational digital change.

To confirm your attendance, please email Louis Walton in the Customer Team at lwalton@eppingforestdc.gov.uk

Alongside this we are also running an interactive workshop for external organisations and Council staff on **Thursday 30 May, 10:30-12:30** to;

1. Share information from our initial research findings.
2. Find out views on our initial findings - what are we missing?
3. Explore the potential for collaboration and a joint action plan
4. Have some fun with digital technology!

Our aim is to join up activity, share information and resources, encourage collaboration. We want to establish a Digital Inclusion Network in Epping Forest with a joint action plan to tackle some of the biggest problems being faced by providers in the area.

For more information and to sign up, please click the link here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epping-forest-digital-inclusion-interactive-workshop-tickets-61173688148>

Feel free to forward this information to organisations that may be interested.

(Further information: Louis Walton ext 2067)

5. CHAIRMAN'S DIARY

None this week

LICENSING ACT 2003

Please be advised that the Licensing Unit has received the following applications for New Premises Licence made under the Licensing Act 2003 for the premises below:

Applicant name Lidl Great Britain Limited

Address of Premises: 140- 142 Church Hill, Loughton, IG10 1LH

Brief details of the natures of the application:

New supermarket

Hours premises are op to the public

Monday to Sunday 07:00am to 23:00pm

Supply of Alcohol (off the premises)

Monday to Sunday 07:00am to 23:00pm

Consultation Period From: 9th May 2019 to 5th June 2019

Officer in charge: Mrs Handan Ibrahim

Applicant name Mr Ali Kemal Balamir

Address of Premises: Baylis Food & Wine, 159 High Road, Loughton, IG10 4LF

Brief details of the natures of the application: The application is to extend the opening times and supply of alcohol times due to providing a new online service and delivery service. Please see below for the licensable activities applied for:

Hours Premises Are Open to the public

Monday to Thursday – 07:00am-23:00pm

Friday to Saturday - 07:00am- 01:00am

Sunday - 08:00am -23:00pm

Supply of Alcohol

Monday to Thursday – 08:00am-23:00pm

Friday to Saturday - 08:00am-01:00am

Sunday - 10:00am-23:00pm

Consultation Period From: 16th May 2019 to 12th June 2019

Please ensure that any comments/objections are received by the Licensing team on or before the consultation end date.

Manager

Kim Tuckey 01992 564034

Licensing Compliance Officer
Licensing Compliance Officer
Licensing Compliance Officer

Sarah Moran 01992 564270
Handan Ibrahim 01992564153
Joanne Owen 01992 56 4721

PLANNING

1. Appeals Lodged

EPF/2875/18 – 5 Chestnut Avenue Buckhurst Hill Essex IG9 6EN - Prior approval application for a 6 metre deep single storey rear extension, height to eaves 2/3 metres and maximum height of 4 metres – Marie-Claire Tovey ext. 4414 – written reps

2. Forthcoming Planning Inquiries/Hearings -

None this week

3. Enforcement Appeals

None this week

4. Appeal Decisions

EPF/2656/17 – Land adj, to Englands Lane Loughton Essex IG10 2PB - Construction of 5 residential properties - Dismissed

5. Tree Preservation Orders

None this week

6. S106 Agreements

None this week

7. Changes to Planning Systems

None this week

PROPOSED PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ACTION

None this week

It is important to note, that when enforcement action has been authorised, this includes any subsequent action under Part VII of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, including a prosecution or an injunction.

Principal Planning Enforcement Officer	Jerry Godden	01992 564498
Senior Enforcement Officer	Clare Munday	01992 564114
Planning Enforcement Officers	Sharon Hart	01992 564113
	Jim Gordon	01992 564530
	Zara Seelig	01992 564379
	Mick Mooney	01992 564713
	Shannon Murphy	01992 564217
Compliance Officer		

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISIONS

The notification of decisions taken by individual Portfolio Holders is no longer included in the Council Bulletin.

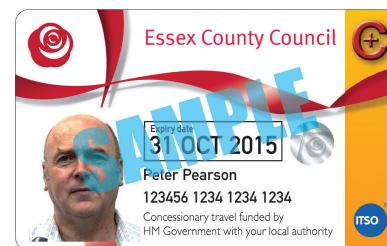
All members of the Council receive automatic email notification of the publication of each individual Portfolio Holder decision and the call-in period for each decision commences immediately. Members wishing to call-in a decision should complete the attached call-in form and return it to Democratic Services before the expiry of five working days following the publication date of the decision. Members should refer to the Constitution (Article 6 - Overview and Scrutiny) for the rules of call-in.

PARK & RIDE CONCESSIONARY BUS PASS CONSULTATION

8 May until 31 July 2019

We are consulting on the use of the older person's bus pass on County Council run Park and Ride services in Essex.

We are also consulting on making a reduced charge for people using the disability-based bus pass before 9am on these services.



Please note – none of these proposals will affect the use of bus passes on normal local bus services.

For more information, and to complete the survey, please visit:
www.essex.gov.uk/park-and-ride-fares-consultation



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PARK & RIDE CONCESSIONARY BUS PASS CONSULTATION

Consultation on changes to the use of Concessionary Bus Passes
on Essex County Council run Park & Ride services

passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk

Introduction

Consultation on changes to the use of Concessionary Bus Passes on Essex County Council run Park and Ride services only from April 2020.

This consultation gives you the opportunity to let us know your views about the proposal.

Once completed please send to the address listed on page 7.

About Essex County Council

Our high ambitions for Essex and Essex County Council have begun to be achieved.

Despite the ever-increasing financial challenges facing us, we have continued to provide the services residents and businesses need.

What we do is driven by four strategic aims: enabling inclusive economic growth, help people get the best start and age well, help create great places to live, work and grow up, and transform the council to achieve more with less.

Our strong track record of financial management has enabled us to do this, operating within a legally required balanced budget.

Last year, that meant finding over £1 million a week in efficiencies, through innovating to continue to provide services at lower cost, with greater efficiency. Increasing this has meant investing in digital services and seeking to generate income.

We also continue to invest in Essex infrastructure, a key element in driving economic growth.

Even greater challenges

How we are funded is changing. By the end of 2020, our main grant – the Revenue Support Grant – will have been phased out entirely. This will mean a £46m reduction in 2019/20.

Our income will come entirely from council tax, business rates, grants which are specific to our services, and fees and charges.

As in previous years, we will aim to keep council tax as low as possible through generating income and revenue where people can afford to pay for services and where there is demand for them. Demographic changes – particularly an ever-aging, ever-growing population – which also create demand pressures, alongside inflation, also contribute to the financial pressures we face.

The combination of these factors means that, unless we think differently about the services we offer and how residents and businesses access them, we will not succeed in delivering our ambitions for Essex.

Unless we change, reform, transform, the services we are responsible for will stop keeping pace with what people need.

This means that, alongside those services which we retain and continue to invest in, or invest even more in than in previous years, some of them will change, and some of them will no longer be provided where they are now.

Increasingly, digital platforms offer us new ways of connecting with individuals and communities, and of offering services.

Leveraging the power of data to help us understand where the most pressing needs and the key challenges are, allied to new, more citizen-friendly ways of dealing with those needs through digital platforms is how we will develop our approach.

The way we shop, travel, work, learn and enjoy leisure time has been transformed over the past decade and the pace of change is ever increasing.

The information and analysis we now have at our disposal means we design services better for the present and the future. We need to make sure we seize that opportunity.

What we are consulting over

We are consulting on the use of the older person's bus pass on County Council run Park and Ride services in Essex.

We are also consulting on making a reduced charge for people using the disability based bus pass before 9am on these services.

None of these proposals will affect the use of bus passes on normal local bus services.

Background

The Essex Bus Pass Offer

Essex County Council (ECC) provides a bus pass in Essex to residents who are either:

- A) Older people who meet the national state pension age – as on www.gov.uk/calculate-state-pension or;
- B) Disabled people who have one of the types of disability listed on the website – www.essex.gov.uk/buspass

What the law say we must do

The requirement set out in the Transport Act 2000 and Concessionary Travel Act 2007 is that Essex County Council must provide passes valid for journeys run between 9.30am and 11pm Monday to Friday and all day on weekends and bank holidays. This is called the “statutory offer”. Essex County Council currently uses its discretionary powers under the Acts to offer pass holders travel from 9am to Midnight Monday to Friday. We are not proposing to change this.

Essex County Council is also required to leave bus operators neither better nor no worse off than had the concessionary travel scheme existed. It does this by reimbursing the bus operators.

What else we do

Essex County Council also allows passes to be used on the three County Council operated Park and Ride schemes at Sandon and Chelmer Valley in Chelmsford and at the Colchester Park and Ride. These include the Broomfield Hospital shuttle bus service from the Chelmer Valley site. The extension of the scheme to allow pass holders to use Park and Ride schemes is estimated to cost taxpayers around £447,000 a year. It is this provision for concessionary travel on Park and Ride services which is the subject of this consultation.

The cost of concessionary travel to taxpayers: This year ECC will spend £18.1m per year of taxpayers' money reimbursing operators for accepting bus passes. Under the law, ECC has to leave them no better or worse off than they would have been if the scheme did not exist. The cost of the use of concessionary bus passes of all types on the park and ride services is around £447,000 of that £18m.

Why Park and Ride services are exempted from the legislation.

Under the Concessionary Bus Travel Act 2007 (as amended), the County Council is required to offer a pass that is valid on any registered local bus service operating within Essex unless it falls within a small number of exceptions. These are:

- Services on which the majority of seats can be reserved in advance of travel (such as coaches);
- Services that are intended to run for a period of less than 6 consecutive weeks;
- Services operated primarily for the purposes of tourism or because of the historical interest of the vehicle;
- Bus Substitution (rail replacement) services;
- Services where the fare charged by the operator has a special amenity element.

Services in these categories automatically fall outside the statutory scheme.

The County Council considers that its park and ride services offer a special amenity as the fares include an element related to the provision of dedicated parking and other site facilities such as toilets and customer service and that as a result they are excluded from the statutory element of the Concessionary Travel Scheme.

Historically the Council has used its discretionary powers to include its park and ride services within the scheme allowing all pass holders to travel free after 9.00am. This has an estimated cost to tax payers of £447,000 per year.

Given the pressure on expenditure as explained above, the Council is now considering stopping accepting older people's concessionary bus passes on the park and ride scheme and instead use its powers under the Transport Act 1985 to offer older people's pass holders a £1.50 fare.

This may mean that some passengers choose to cease using the park and ride scheme and we ask you about this later in this consultation. In turn this may mean that the current cost of the scheme to taxpayers would not translate directly into a similar saving.

The Proposal

The proposals are from April 2020.

1. To change from offering free travel on the Park and Ride services for people who hold the **older person's bus pass**, to charging a fare of £1.50. The new charge would apply at all times.
2. Before 9am, **disability bus** (passholders currently pay full fare before 9am) will also be able to pay £1.50. **N.B. Disability bus pass users will still be able to travel free after 9am on production of their pass.**

Older pass holders:

Time:	Before 9am	After 9am
Current	Full fare	Free
Proposed	£1.50	£1.50

Disabled pass holders:

Time:	Before 9am	After 9am
Current	Full fare	Free
Proposed	£1.50	Free

ECC considers that the proposal will allow it to protect the most vulnerable groups and retain a concession for older people, while reducing the cost of providing the scheme.

We are asking for your views on the proposal. These will form part of our consideration about whether to go ahead with the proposals. Any cost reductions realised in this area will help reduce the pressure on other areas of spend, including tax payer funding for local bus services that are not commercially viable and Community Transport schemes, as well as wider areas of spend such as adult social care.

How do I know if I am affected?

If you use the County Councils Park and Ride services, including the Broomfield Hospital Shuttle, and hold an older person's bus pass, (it has a blue panel down the right-hand side and looks like the example below), you will be affected by the proposals because you will be asked to show your pass and pay £1.50 at all times of travel.



If you hold a disability pass, (it has an orange panel down the right-hand side - it looks like the samples below), you will not be adversely affected by the proposals. **You can still travel free after 9am and will also be able to pay the reduced fare of £1.50 before 9am.**



Why are disabled persons passes not included in the changes?

At present there are 270,000 registered bus pass holders in Essex of whom around 15,000 hold their pass on grounds of disability. Given the inclusion challenges people with a disability face in accessing key services and the relatively small proportion of disability entitled pass holders, Essex County Council is not proposing to apply any of the changes to disabled pass holders at this time.

These changes are proposed to come into effect from 1st April 2020.

The Proposals

a) That the concession offered by the County Council on its Park and Ride services in Chelmsford and Colchester to holders of older people's bus passes should change from free travel after 9am on weekdays (and at all times at weekends and on public holidays), to a £1.50 fare when showing their bus pass.

b) That holders of disability - based passes should continue to be able to use their free pass on these services after 9am on weekdays (and at all times at weekends and on public holidays) but should also be able to buy a £1.50 fare when showing their bus pass before 9am.

These proposals also apply to the Broomfield Hospital Shuttle service running from the Chelmer Valley Site as well as the main Park and Ride services.

Questions

1. Do you currently hold an Essex County Council Bus pass?

Yes

No

2. If you answered yes to the above is it:

Age-related

Disability based

3. Do you agree with the proposal that starting 1st April 2020 the concession offered to older people's concessionary bus pass holders using the Essex County Council's park and ride services should be a £1.50 fare instead of free as it is at present?

Yes

No

4. If yes, why? Please tick all the following that apply:

It's fairer for everyone

All users should contribute to the service

If you can afford to pay to run a car, you should contribute to Park and Ride

Other, please specify:

5. If no, why? Please tick all the following that apply:

Older people should receive taxpayer funded transport

It supports independent living and prevents isolation

Older people use it to access healthcare

Other, please specify:

6. Do you currently use an age-related bus pass on Essex County Council's park and ride services?

Yes

No

7. If yes, please tick which Park and Ride services you use:

Chelmsford – Sandon

Chelmsford – Chelmer Valley

Chelmsford – Broomfield Hospital Shuttle

Colchester

8. If the answer to Q6 is yes, would you continue to use the County Council's park and ride services if you had to pay a £1.50 fare?

Yes

No

9. If the answer to Q8 is no, what will you do instead of using the park and ride service? Tick all that apply

Park in town in a car park

Park in a side street (unpaid)

Park at a friends and walk

Go to another town to shop

Go to a retail park instead

Park at the hospital

Other, please specify:

10. There will be no change to services after 9am on weekdays for use of disability based passes.

We are proposing that holders of disability based passes should pay a £1.50 fare when showing before 9am.

Do you agree with this proposal?

Yes

No

11. If you do not agree, please specify why:

12. Do you have other comments about this proposal and/or an alternative suggestion related to the Park & Ride?

How to respond

1. Please complete and return this consultation questionnaire **by 5pm on Wednesday 31 July 2019**.
2. If you wish to submit a response for an organisation or group of people, please make this clear when providing us details about who you are. If you wish to provide a more detailed response than allowed for in this document, written anecdotal comments will be accepted by post or email. You should also respond to the questions in this consultation,
3. If you need help completing the survey or require it in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact us.

To respond or for further information:

Email: **Passenger.Transport@essex.gov.uk**

Post: Freepost RTKH-XUBZ-CJZS,
Essex County Council,
Bus Review Park & Ride
(Integrated Passenger Transport Unit E1),
County Hall, CHELMSFORD, CM1 1QH.

Telephone: 0345 743 0430

NB. The Information you provide as part of this questionnaire is anonymised and will only be used to analyse the public response to the proposals set out in this questionnaire. Your data will not be shared with a third party other than as strictly required to allow the analysis to take place.

ECC fully comply with information legislation.

For full details on how we use personal data, please go to: **www.essex.gov.uk/privacy** or call 03457 430430.

About you

Our Equality Impact Assessment has highlighted some groups who may be disproportionately affected by changes to our strategy. Questions are asked to ensure we have identified any specific issues for equality groups. It is not compulsory to answer these questions but it would be helpful in our analysis of the results.

Your gender:

Male Female Prefer not to say

Other, please state:

Where in Essex do you live?

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basildon | <input type="checkbox"/> Braintree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brentwood | <input type="checkbox"/> Castle Point |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chelmsford | <input type="checkbox"/> Colchester |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epping Forest | <input type="checkbox"/> Harlow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maldon | <input type="checkbox"/> Rochford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southend-on-Sea | <input type="checkbox"/> Tendring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thurrock | <input type="checkbox"/> Uttlesford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out of County | |

Please tell us which age bracket you fall into:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age under 16* | <input type="checkbox"/> Age 55 – 64 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 16 – 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Age 65 – 74 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 19 – 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Age 75 – 84 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 25 – 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> Age 85 – 94 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 35 – 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> Age 95+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 45 – 54 | |

*If you are under 16 you should ask your parent / carer for permission to take part in this consultation.

Are you responding on behalf of an organisation?

Yes

No

Which organisation:

Do you consider yourself to have a disability, and if so please tell us what type of disability you have?

- Hearing impairment
- Physical impairment
- Visual impairment
- Learning disability
- Mental health need
- Other long term health condition that affects my transport needs (eg epilepsy)
- None of the above

Notes

Notes

This information is issued by:
Essex County Council
Passenger Transport

Contact us:
passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk
www.essex.gov.uk/department
0345 743 0430

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The information contained in
this document can be translated,
and/or made available in alternative
formats, on request.

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CONCESSIONARY FARES AND PARK AND RIDE CONSULTATION – FAQs

Q: Is this consultation proposing wider changes to concessionary pass use on buses?

A: No. This consultation only relates to the use of the older people's concessionary pass on **Park and Ride services in Essex**.

Local authorities are required to provide the concessionary pass scheme by law. Essex currently allows three discretionary areas of travel in addition to the legal requirements – including use on the Park and Ride. The other two discretionary areas are to permit passes to be used after 9am (rather than 9.30am as the law requires) and to allow a companion pass for those unable to travel alone. There are no proposals to change these other two discretionary provisions.

Q: Does this consultation affect the disabled person's concessionary pass?

A: Yes. It is proposed that holders of disability - based passes should continue to be able to use their free pass on these services after 09:00 on weekdays (and at all times at weekends and on public holidays) but should also be able to buy a £1.50 fare when showing their bus pass before 09:00.

Q: Is the £1.50 proposed fare a charge for a single or return ticket?

A: This is a day fare, which can be used as often as required over the course of the day.

Q: Why are you making this change?

A: No decision has been made yet. However, given the current financial pressures and the annual £18m cost of the whole concessionary pass scheme to taxpayers, it is only right that we consult on this discretionary element of the scheme.

Q: Haven't you already decided?

A: No. The whole point of consultation is to enable us to assess impacts in greater detail and to enable decisions to balance the wishes of individuals against the costs to the taxpayer.

Q: What is the cost of allowing concessionary passes to be used on Park and Ride services?

A: The current cost to the taxpayer of allowing concessionary pass use on Park and Ride services is £447,000 annually

Q: What do other local authorities do?

A: The picture across the country is variable. A large number charge a reduced fare for concessionary travel rather than permitting free travel. Others do not charge passengers to travel on the bus but charge customers to park in their car.

Q: Isn't the assumption that people who can afford to run a car can afford to pay for P&R unfair? What about people getting lifts?

A: Concessionary passes can still be used on local bus services after 9am. Financial changes means that all budgets are coming under pressure – and other budgets, such as Community Transport and supported local bus often offer services to those who have no alternative form of transport.

Q: Won't this increase congestion, air quality problems and CO2 emissions.

A: Only if current users of the service choose to drive into the city or town centres rather than pay for their journey. The reduced fare will still offer good value compared to parking and Park and Ride will remain a stress free, environmentally friendly and high quality choice.

Q: Why don't you charge for parking instead of a bus ride?

A: We continually review the fare structures of our Park and Ride services. The aim is to provide a good value service with an easy to purchase ticket that reduces the number of low occupancy commuter vehicles entering the city and town centres.

Q: Do the Park and Ride schemes cost taxpayer lots of money?

A: The Park and Ride services do require taxpayer investment in the beginning as the scheme gets up and running. As patronage grows the investment each year reduces. It takes around 10 years for a park and ride scheme to break even.

Q: Why aren't users charged more to cover the cost of running the service?

A: The price of the fare is continually being reviewed. The price is determined by the cost of providing the service and the cost to the customer of using commercial bus services and parking in the town and city centres.

Q: Will the Broomfield Hospital Shuttle Bus be affected?

A: Yes. The proposals include the Broomfield Hospital Shuttle Bus

Q. How long does the consultation last?

A: The consultation will run for **12** weeks and will close on **31 July 2019**

Q Where is this consultation questionnaire on line?

The direct URL to the survey: www.essex.gov.uk/park-and-ride-fares-consultation

Q. How do I get paper copies of the questionnaire?

A: Either

- Ask at the Colchester, Sandon or Chelmer Valley Park and Ride Sites
- Email passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk

Paper copies **will not** be available in your local library.

Q. If I have questions about the consultation, where can I get more information?

A: Please email passenger.transport@essex.gov.uk

Q. What happens after the consultation finishes?

We will collate the responses from the survey and summarise them as part of our report regarding the renewal of these contracts. Essex Insight will publish the findings of the consultation.

Q. When will the services change?

Once this consultation is closed the outcomes will be considered.

The outcome will be available in **Autumn 2019** and via the Transport & Travel communications and the information teams web page:

<http://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Getting-Around/Bus/Bus-timetable-changes.aspx>

Any changes to the services will commence from **April 2020**.

10. Equality and Diversity Questions – why are they included?

Our Equality Impact Assessment has highlighted some groups who may be affected by changes to our strategy. Questions are asked to ensure we have identified any specific issues for equality groups. It is not compulsory to answer these questions but it would be helpful in our analysis of the results.

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EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notification of Call-In of Portfolio Holder Decision under Paragraphs 45-52 of Article 6 (Overview & Scrutiny) of the Constitution

This form must be signed and completed and the original returned to the Proper Officer in person no later than the fifth working day following the publication of the decision to be called-in

Decision to be called-in:
Decision reference:
Portfolio:
Description of decision:
Reason for call-in

Members requesting call-in
(3 members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or 5 other members)

Members Name:	Signed:
Lead member:	
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