

**Changes to some bus services in Solihull
From Sunday 24 February 2019**

Transport for West Midlands, part of the West Midlands Combined Authority has made changes to the tendered (paid for) bus services in Solihull.

In Autumn 2018, we set out our proposals for a new tendered bus network in Solihull. This followed requests from Councillors, customers and groups. We asked for views on the routes we were planning on making changes to.

We have listened to these views and have made some changes to the tendered bus network to improve reliability, punctuality and to increase the overall number of passengers travelling. Some areas will benefit from a new bus service.

Customers will benefit from new Euro 6 buses. These new low floor, low emission buses will run on most of the new bus routes from 24 February.

Some areas are covered by more than one bus service.

Existing Service	Changes	Operator
S1 – Solihull to Damsonwood Circular	Renumbered A1 . No change to route. A1 operates hourly - Monday to Saturday	Diamond
S2 Cheswick Green to Dorridge via Solihull	The S2 route will be split into the A6, A7 and A8 services below. The new services will cover the same stops*.	Landflight
	A6 will operate hourly – Monday to Saturday - from Cheswick Green to Solihull.	
	Solihull - Widney Manor – Dorridge – Hockley Heath – Blythe Valley – Cheswick Green – Solihull (circular route - clockwise) will be served hourly by either A7 or A7W . (See A8/A8W for anti-clockwise) A7W will serve the above route via Widney Manor Road from 07:00 to 09:00 and from 15:00 to last buses at 20:30 and 22:00. (Times are when buses leave Solihull Monday to Saturday) A7 will serve the above route via Alderminster Road (part of Widney Manor Road* not served) from 10:00 to 14:00. (Times are when buses leave Solihull Monday to Saturday– journey takes approximately 12 minutes to Alderminster Road)) Sundays A7 will run hourly from Dorridge – Hockley Heath – Blythe Valley – Cheswick Green – Solihull (clockwise).	
	Solihull – Cheswick Green – Blythe Valley – Hockley Heath – Dorridge – Widney Manor – Solihull (circular route – anti-clockwise) will be served hourly by either A8 or A8W . (See A7/A7W for clockwise) A8W will serve the above route via Widney Manor Road from 06:30 to 08:30 and from 15:30 to last bus at 22:00 (Times are when buses leave Solihull Monday to Saturday)	

	<p>A8 will serve the above route via Alderminster Road (part of Widney Manor Road* not served) from 08:30 to 13:30 (Times are when buses leave Solihull Monday to Saturday. Journeys to Alderminster Road will take approximately 1 hour 13 minutes)</p> <p>Sundays A8 will run hourly from Solihull – Cheswick Green – Blythe Valley - Hockley Heath – Dorridge (anti-clockwise).</p> <p>Dorridge is also served by A3. See S3 changes for information.</p>	
S3 Wythall to Hockley Heath via Dickens Heath, Solihull & Knowle	The S3 and S3W routes will be split into the services below. The new services below will cover the same stops.	Landflight
S3W Wythall to Hockley Heath via Solihull & Knowle	A3 will operate between Solihull and Dorridge via Knowle.	
	A3 operates hourly - Monday to Saturday	
	A4 will operate between Inkford Brook (Wythall) and Solihull via Dickens Heath.	
	A4 operates hourly - Monday to Saturday	
	Combined with A5 gives half hourly service between Dickens Heath and Solihull - Monday to Saturday.	
	A5 will operate hourly between Dickens Heath and Solihull.	
	Combined with A4 gives half hourly service from Dickens Heath and Solihull - Monday to Saturday.	
	A5 operates hourly on a Sunday.	
	Hockley Heath to Solihull will be served by A7/A8 . See S2 changes for information.	
S10 Solihull to Cranes Park via Sheldon	Renumbered A10 . No change to route or timetable.	Landflight
S11 Solihull circular via Buryfield Road and Bryanston Road	Renumbered A2 . Similar route to existing S11 but will use School Lane and Grove Road instead of Lode Lane for part of the route. Extended hours of operation.	Diamond
	A2 operates hourly – Monday to Saturday	
S15 Solihull circular via Widney Lane	Withdrawn by commercial operator S15 partly replaced by a rerouted 69 . The hourly 69 route will be extended from Shirley to Solihull along the existing S15 route.	Igo
69 Shirley to Brandwood End		Sainsbury's will still be served. Solihull rail station will not be served.
82 Solihull to Coventry via Meriden	Minor timetable change. No change to route or number.	Johnsons
87 Solihull to Coventry via Balsall Common	87 will follow its current route from Solihull to Fen End Road junction via Knowle and will then serve Fen End Road and Holly Lane into the Jaguar Land Rover site before re-joining its current route to Coventry. Balsall Street and Alder Lane (part) will be served by 88A .	Johnsons

88 Solihull to Balsall Common via Knowle	<p>Split into two routes – 88 and 88A. Both the 88 and 88A will operate every 2 hours to Hallmeadow Road in Balsall Common making a combined hourly route between Solihull and Knowle.</p> <p>88 will follow its current route between Solihull and Oldwich Lane East. From Oldwich Lane East it will go into the Jaguar Land Rover site before re-joining its existing route at Oldwich Lane East up to Balsall Common. The route is then extended to Hallmeadow Road to serve Balsall Common Health Centre and Berkswell rail station.</p> <p>88A will follow the current 88 route to Knowle and will then follow the current 87 route to Balsall Common serving Balsall Street and Alder Lane (part). The service will also be extended to Hallmeadow Road to serve Balsall Common Health Centre and Berkswell rail station.</p>	Johnsons
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Find out more

Exhibitions

We will hold two exhibitions on the West Midlands Combined Authority exhibition bus where you can find out more about the changes.

Date	Time	Location
Saturday 16 February 2019	9am to 3pm	Mell Square, by Marks and Spencer, Solihull town centre
Thursday 28 February 2019	9am to 1.30pm	Mell Square by Marks and Spencer. Solihull town centre