

Changes to Council-Funded Bus Services from 21 April

Compass Service 37B (Bristol Estate – City Centre – Meadowview)

There are no changes to service 37B – but please see attached information supplied by Brighton & Hove Buses regarding changes they are planning to their commercial service 37 between Bristol Estate and Brighton Station.

The Big Lemon Service 52 (Woodingdean – Ovingdean – Brighton Marina)

Some passengers have told us that getting to work on time has been a problem since the timetable for the number 52 bus changed to arrive at the Marina at 7.49am or 8.49am.

Now that Saver tickets can be used on any connecting bus route into the city centre, the times could be changed so that the bus reaches the Marina at 7.34am or 8.34am. This would mean timings throughout the day would be brought forward by up to 15 minutes.

We want to hear from people who use the number 52 – and from other local residents who would like to use the service. A bus inspector will travel on the 52 bus during February to ask for people's views. Alternatively people can go online at www.consult.brighton-hove.gov.uk/portal to fill in a short survey, or ask for a postal copy by phoning (01273) 292480. The survey closes on 22 February.

If there is support for a change in the timetable, this will take effect on Monday 22 April.

Compass Service 56 (Knoll Estate – Old Shoreham Road – City Centre – Fiveways – Hollingbury – Patcham)

The following small change will be made to the timetable on Mondays to Fridays, to improve the reliability and efficiency of the service:

The journey at 9.14am from Imperial Arcade (Dyke Road) to Knoll Estate will be withdrawn. Figures show this journey is only used by an average of 1 person per week but it suffers from traffic delays. The delays then affect the reliability of the next journey - the popular 9.30am departure from Knoll Estate to the city centre and Patcham - causing inconvenience to many.

**Compass Service 57 (Sundays & Public Holidays)
(East Saltdean – Saltdean – Marina – RSCH – City Centre – Brighton
Station – Homelees House)**

The 5.23pm journey from East Saltdean will be adjusted so that it leaves at 5.19pm, with subsequent timings up to 10 minutes earlier than at present.

Journeys towards East Saltdean will run 2 minutes later as far as Rottingdean. This will improve reliability east of Rottingdean, as there is nowhere to wait time in Rottingdean High Street if the bus arrives there slightly early.

**Compass Service 57 Commercial Extension to Old Shoreham Road,
Knoll Estate and West Hove Sainsbury's (Sundays & Public Holidays)**

In September 2012 the council awarded a contract to Compass Travel to run service 57 between East Saltdean and Homelees House (Seven Dials)/Brighton Station. Compass took a commercial decision to extend service 57 from Seven Dials to Knoll Estate/West Hove Sainsbury's, and this section does not receive any funding from the council.

Although Compass report that usage of this section of the 57 route has been disappointing, they would like to seek the support of the community so that they can continue to offer a service. In the meantime they will be making the following changes to the timetable to reduce their costs:

- The 3.23pm and 4.23pm journeys from East Saltdean (4.12pm and 5.12pm departures from Imperial Arcade) will terminate at Brighton Station (operating via Homelees House and Seven Dials). They will no longer continue to Old Shoreham Road, Knoll Estate/West Hove Sainsbury's.

However there will be an extra, later journey: the 6.19pm departure from East Saltdean (7.02pm from Imperial Arcade) will be extended to Knoll Estate.

- The 2.23pm journey from East Saltdean (3.12pm from Imperial Arcade) will terminate at Knoll Estate and will not serve West Hove Sainsbury's.
- Towards the city centre, the last departure from West Hove Sainsbury's will be at 3.09pm and the last departure from Knoll Estate will be at 3.14pm. The 4.07pm and 5.07pm journeys from West Hove Sainsbury's to Brighton Station will no longer operate. (The council-

funded section of these journeys - from Brighton Station to East Saltdean - will continue to run).

- All other eastbound journeys will run two minutes later than at present.

Breeze up to the Downs: Brighton & Hove Buses Services 77/78/79

Service 77

(Brighton Pier - Brighton Station – Devil’s Dyke)

Service 78

(Old Steine - Brighton Station - Lewes Road - Stanmer Park)

Service 79

(Old Steine - Brighton Station - Ditchling Road - Ditchling Beacon)

'Breeze up to the Downs' Services 77, 78 and 79 are funded and managed by Brighton & Hove City Council, with contributions from the National Trust and the South Downs National Park Authority.

The summer timetable will start on 21 April and will run until 30 September.

Service 77 will run two journeys per hour on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 21 April to 16 June and throughout September.

From 22 June until 1 September the 77 will run **seven days a week, with open top buses**. There will also be two evening journeys, giving a last return bus from Devil’s Dyke of 8.35 pm.

On Pride Day, Saturday 3 August, there will be two earlier departures from Devil’s Dyke – at 9.35am and 10.05am, to cater for the large numbers of people who stay at camp sites in the area for Pride weekend.

There is a popular **podcast** of the 77 bus journey, available from the Visit Brighton website. The podcast highlights all the things you can only see from the top of a bus! As an alternative, a printed Route Guide will be available on the 77 bus.

Services 78 and 79 will run hourly on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, with the last return journey from Stanmer Park at 5.30pm - and from Ditchling Beacon at 5.45pm.

Following a successful trial, the 79 bus to and from Ditchling Beacon will continue to have two spaces for **bikes** on board.

On Sunday 16 June, service 79 will not operate, because of the London – Brighton Bike Ride road closure at Ditchling Beacon.

Leaflets for all three services will be available from mid April. Each leaflet contains lists of events and ideas for walks, details of discounts on refreshments etc for bus passengers, as well as a full timetable and fares information: phone (01273) 292480 for copies. They will also be available to download from www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/breezebuses during April.

**Brighton & Hove Buses Service 95
(Hangleton – Portslade – Cottesmore & Cardinal Newman Schools)**

The morning journey will operate 5 minutes earlier. This is to allow more time to complete the journey, because of traffic congestion along the route.