

7th November 2024

Dear Parish Council,

Leicestershire County Council has issued tenders for its contracted bus services affecting current routes 8, 23, 25, 100, and 747. Brief details are listed below:

Service 8 Melton - Loughborough

(Note: the service between Melton and Grantham is commercially operated by Centrebus and is not affected) Frequency reduced from 13 journeys to 11. Diverted via Ragdale and Hoby. The previous hourly service has been removed, resulting in an irregular service. The connection between Melton and Grantham services in both directions is now broken.

Services 23/25 Melton – Bottesford

Service 23 reduced from 7 journeys to 2 peak journeys, service 25 withdrawn. Villages no longer have scheduled shopping services.

Service 55 Melton – Grantham

An extra journey to Melton added, with minimal other changes.

Service 100 Syston – Melton

Now becomes an Oakham to Melton service. Beeby, South Croxton, Barsby, and Ashby Folville lose their service. Shopping time in Melton extended from 2.5 hours to 4.5 hours.

Service 747 Leicester – Uppingham

Three options for this service:

- Option 1 reduces frequency from 11 journeys to 6, making commuting to Leicester impossible.
- Option 2 limits the service to operate between Leicester and Houghton, with only a school journey to Uppingham, all other journeys beyond Houghton withdrawn. Billesdon, Belton, Skeffington, Tugby, East Norton, and Uppingham effectively lose regular bus services.
- Option 3 is similar to Option 2 but no school journey.

Additionally, there are two Demand Responsive Minibuses operating an untimetabled service from 0600-1930 covering the villages currently served by the 23, 25, and 100.

For more details, please contact Leicestershire County Council.

Yours sincerely,



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