

**DCC PROPOSED CUTS TO BUS SERVICES – DT11 TRANSPORT ACTION GROUP RESPONSE**

<b>Bus Service</b>	<b>Comment on DCC Proposal</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<b>New 20</b> Dorchester – Blandford - Salisbury	No timings provided. Timings must be convenient and appropriate to enable people to make hospital appointments. Provides essential connections to external trains and buses. Age Concern reports much higher usage than the figures quoted in DCC’s survey.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday service must be retained. Must service county hospitals.</li> </ul>
<b>25/83</b> Blandford - Wimborne	One return journey is inadequate. 3 return journeys per day are required and a Saturday service. Provides essential transport for work, shopping, leisure and hospitals. Withdrawal of section between Blandford and Wimborne will isolate the villages of Charlton Marshall, Spetisbury and Sturminster Marshall from the 2 market towns in the area and contribute to their decline. This cut will affect young and old alike denying them access to public transport for work, leisure and shopping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 3 return journeys per weekday required and a Saturday service.</li> <li>• Departure of the 83 on the half hour, rather than 3 minutes after the X8, would increase passenger uptake to Charlton Marshall, Spetisbury and Sturminster Marshall.</li> </ul>
<b>34/35</b> Buckhorn Weston/East Stour - Shaftesbury	DCC’s method of calculating the numbers using this service is not understood.	
<b>New 36 (316/387)</b> Blandford – Bere Regis - Dorchester	No timings provided. A Winterborne Kingston resident’s figures contradict DCC’s survey. 8 Aug 13 – <b>316</b> to Blandford 10 passengers 22 Aug 13 – <b>316</b> to Blandford 11 passengers 29 Aug 13 – <b>387</b> 9.40 am from Winterborne Kingston to Poole. 7 passengers boarded at Winterborne Kingston. Standing room only on completion of journey. 2 Sep 13 – <b>387</b> 9.40 am from Winterborne Kingston to Poole. 24 passengers onboard. Standing room only on completion of journey. 5 Sep 13 <b>316</b> to Blandford 12 passengers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>387</b> Poole – Dorchester and <b>387</b> Dorchester – Poole to stay as now, but axe the 1.43 pm run to Poole from Winterborne Kingston. Also axe the 14.22 pm run to Dorchester from Winterborne Kingston. Leave return times to Winterborne Kingston as they are now ie 5.35 pm from Poole and 6 pm from Dorchester.</li> <li>• <b>316</b> Blandford to Wareham. Stet, but axe the 12.05 run from Blandford to Wareham. Instead of ending at Bere Regis, the 13.45 pm run should go on to Wareham.</li> <li>• Cut out Green Close, Lane End, Houghton and Bryanston, which appear not to use the service. The journey time saved would allow the bus to leave</li> </ul>

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		Blandford at say 1.15 pm instead of 1.45 pm as now, and would allow time for the school run. (Idea supported by the driver.) Axing the 12.05 run as above would save approx 3000 miles per year.
<b>309/310</b> Blandford – Sturminster Newton – Gillingham - Shaftesbury	Timings must be convenient and practical to allow the purpose of visit to achieved in the town. Parish Councils and residents consider that the Saturday service is essential for work and leisure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retain Saturday service.</li> </ul>
<b>311</b> Blandford - Dorchester	No timings provided. Minimum service during the week and on Saturdays is essential.	Must retain convenient am, midday and pm schedules, and a Saturday service.
<b>314</b> Pamphill - Salisbury	Revise schedule.	Should revert to original service, including Broadstone. Service could take in Chettle to improve service to an isolated village.
<b>315</b> Blandford - Ringwood	No comment.	No change.
<b>316</b> Bere Regis - Blandford	Withdrawal is unacceptable. It removes the ability of those in the Winterborne villages to get into Blandford on market day. For some it provides the only means of getting to doctors, dentists, shops, etc.	Retain a revised service that concentrates on bringing Winterborne villages into Blandford for market day.
<b>320</b> Tarrant Keynstoneston - Wimborne	<b>319</b> provides Tarrant Keynstone users.	
<b>322</b> Milton Abbas - Poole	Withdrawal is unacceptable. It removes Wnterborne valley village users only means of getting to Wimborne Market once a week.	Retain one service per week as a minimum. A saving can be made by not taking the service on to Poole.
<b>325</b> Sixpenny Handley - Blandford	Withdrawal would remove service to Chettle users and the only means of getting to doctors, dentists, shops, leisure activities etc in Blandford. Low numbers are all non drivers. The alternative is to go to Salisbury.	Retain one service a week. Service could be combined with the <b>318</b> to save money.

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<b>368</b> Yeovil – Sturminster Newton - Blandford	Replaced by <b>X10</b> . Saturday service is essential	Retain Saturday service for reasons previously described..
<b>387</b> Dorchester – Lytchett Matravers - Poole	Withdrawal hits Winterborne Keystone users hard. 43 residents have registered their opposition off-line. (Library staff were not aware of the commitment placed on them to provide an on-line service for those without the Internet.)	Winterborne Keystone – Poole service is essential, not just for the elderly. The increase in school leaving age means that more young people need to attend colleges and apprenticeships in Poole
X8 Blandford – Poole (Friday and Saturday evenings, Sundays)	Removal of the evening service gives no access to leisure activities in Poole for young and old alike. Community evidence suggests that the service is well used. Removal of Sunday service denies access to external travel routes from Poole including train and coach. Significant numbers of people work unsocial hours including Saturdays and Sundays.	There is a strong case to retain Friday evening, Saturday evening and a Sunday service.