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Dear Stakeholder

Routes 21/N21, 63/N63, 321 & 363

We previously wrote to you on 16 December 2008 in relation to proposals for the above bus routes. Contracts have now been awarded for these routes and following consideration of comments made in response to our earlier letter we can now confirm the changes being made. These changes are planned for introduction in October and November 2009.

Route 21 (Newington Green – Moorgate – London Bridge – Old Kent Road – New Cross – Lewisham)

The contract for this route was retained by London Central. It will be operated using new double deck buses.

We are going to increase the existing Monday to Saturday daytime frequency from every 8 minutes to every 6-7 minutes.

Route N21 (Trafalgar Square – Fleet Street – London Bridge – Old Kent Road – New Cross - Lewisham – Eltham – Blackfen – Sidcup)

The contract for this route was retained by London Central. It will be operated using new double deck buses.

We are going to alter this service between Eltham and Sidcup to run to Bexleyheath via Blackfen and Bexley Village (route 132). This will provide additional night bus links to Bexleyheath. This means that route N21 will no longer serve Willersley Avenue, Sidcup Station, Sidcup Hill or Fooks Cray. Route 321 will become a 24 hour operation between New Cross and Sidcup, Fooks Cray (see below).

As a result Willersley Avenue, Halfway Street, Sidcup Station and Station Road will no longer be served by night buses. These roads are served by day route 51 which will have had additional early morning journeys from January 2009. In addition, route N21 and 24 hour route 321 will provide alternative facilities for many users.

Route N21 will run every 30 minutes between Trafalgar Square and Bexleyheath Market Place with extra buses at weekends providing a 15 minute frequency between Trafalgar Square and Eltham. There would also be an additional 30 minute night frequency between New Cross and Eltham provided by route 321.

Out of over 600 passenger journeys taken on Sunday to Thursday nights our research shows that only 40 passenger journeys will change as a result of the re-routing.

The new structure will be kept under review.

Route 321 (New Cross, Sainsbury's – Lewisham – Eltham – Sidcup – Foots Cray, Tesco)

The contract for this route was retained by London Central. It will be operated using existing double deck buses.

We will run a 24 hour service on this route with buses running every 30 minutes at night throughout the route. This will provide a new night service for Footscray Road and New Eltham. It will also provide a more direct routeing between Eltham and Sidcup compared with the existing N21 which would no longer serve Sidcup.

We are not making any changes to the daytime service on this route, or to the vehicle type.

The new structure will be kept under review.

Route 63 (King's Cross – Blackfriars – Elephant & Castle – Old Kent Road – Peckham – Honor Oak)

The contract for this route was retained by London Central. It will be operated using new double deck buses.

There is going to be an increase in the frequency of this service in the evenings and on Sundays after 10am from every 10 minutes to every 8 minutes.

When the East London Line re-opens passenger travel patterns will be kept under review.

We are not making any changes to the routeing of this service.

Route N63 (King's Cross – Blackfriars – Elephant & Castle – Old Kent Road – Peckham – Honor Oak – Crystal Palace)

The contract for this route was retained by London Central. It will be operated using new double deck buses.

There is going to be an increase in frequency at weekends from every 20 minutes to every 15 minutes.

We are not making any changes to the routeing of this service.

Route 363 (Elephant & Castle – Old Kent Road – Peckham – Honor Oak – Crystal Palace)

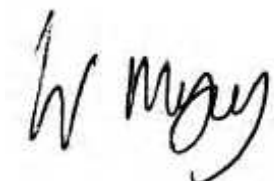
The contract for this route was retained by London Central. It will be operated using existing double deck buses.

We are not making any changes to the route or frequency of this service.

This letter is part of the process which fulfils the requirement for TfL to consult under Section 183 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

Please contact me with any further comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Murphy', is positioned above the printed name.

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