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Dear Stakeholder

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

London Buses reviews its services regularly. A comprehensive review is undertaken before developing the specification for a new contract. The review includes passenger usage, passenger and stakeholder feedback, reliability data, timetables, vehicle type and area served. At the start of each year we ask for comments from stakeholders about routes that will be reviewed during that year.

This letter represents a second stage of consultation which is usually undertaken when we invite tender bids for new contracts. None of the routes are eligible for further contract extensions at this stage so new contracts will commence in autumn 2009.

Details of proposed changes are shown below. The 21/N21 & 321 have been listed together along with the 63/N63 & 363.

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

We propose to increase the existing Monday to Saturday daytime frequency from every 8 minutes (with additional journeys at peak times), to every 6-7 minutes. The additional peak journeys would be incorporated into the main service.

No changes are proposed to the routing of vehicle type.

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

We propose to re-route this service between Eltham and Sidcup to run to Bexleyheath via Blackfen and Bexley Village (route 132). This would provide additional night bus links to Bexleyheath. These proposals would mean that route N21 would no longer serve Willersley Avenue, Sidcup Station, Sidcup Hill or Foots Cray. We also propose that route 321 would become a 24 hour operation between New Cross and Sidcup, Foots Cray (see below). As a result

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

Route N21 would 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.

No changes are proposed to the vehicle type on this route.

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

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

No changes are proposed to the daytime service on this route, or to the vehicle type.

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

We propose to increase the frequency of this service in the evenings and on Sundays after 10am from every 10 minutes to every 8 minutes.

Consideration has been given to requests for this service to be extended from Honor Oak to Brockley Rise to provide connections Honor Oak Park station which will gain an improved rail service with the East London Line extension. We are not able to justify an extension of route 63 but will give further consideration to the possibility of providing new links to Honor Oak Park station.

No changes are proposed to the routing of this service or the vehicle type.

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

We propose to increase the frequency at weekends from every 20 minutes to every 15 minutes.

No changes are proposed to the routing or vehicle type.

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

No changes are proposed to the frequency, routeing or vehicle type on 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.

If you have any comments please forward them to me by **30 January 2009**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PJBradley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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