

# Prosperous Communities EAP

Bus Service Improvement Plan ; Revision for 2024

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# Background



Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)



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# North Northants BSIP 2021

Since publication in October 2021 the largest impact of the National Bus Strategy for North Northants is that:

*The bus network has stabilised*

During the stabilisation we have delivered and are delivering:

- An Enhanced Partnership between commercial bus operators and the Council.
- The bus network review.
- A bus stop infrastructure review.
- Refreshed/Renewed the Real Time Information contract.
- Submitted a Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas (ZEBRA) funding bid.



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# North Northants BSIP 2021

What we have learnt from developing and delivering the BSIP;

- Build wider support through engaging with stakeholders and local communities.
- Provide a clearer alignment to DfT requirements.
- Format the document to support regular updates.



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# Why update the North Northants BSIP?

- The DfT have asked for all BSIPs be updated by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
- Incorporate the recommendations of the network review.
- Include the new demand responsive services and new contracted services.
- Incorporate the impact of the non – statutory education transport policy.
- Reflect where new housing developments have been completed.
- Incorporate the additional funding (such as other government grants and S106) enabling us to do more.

And ask ourselves

*What else can we do to increase patronage, satisfaction and decrease journey time?*



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# What are the BSIP themes and requirements

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Introduction

- North Northants Bus Vision

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Services and current 'offer to passengers'

- Geography
- Services
- Patronage
- Progress on 2021 BSIP

Legal arrangements

Subsidy policy

Service levels policy

Approach to land planning



# BSIP themes and requirements

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The 2024/25 programme

Ambitions and proposals considering:

- Bus priority
- Improvements to fares and ticketing
- Improvements to bus passenger experience
  - Bus stops
  - Information and network identity
  - Accessibility, inclusivity, personal safety and security
  - Bus Passenger Charter

Extension of concessionary passes

Ticketing products

Better use of technology

Management of road works

Extending the operation of services (such as Sundays, Boxing and New Year's Day)



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# BSIP themes and requirements

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Long term programme

- four years – 2025 to 2028/29
- Ten years time linked to LTP to 2040

Ambitions

- To grow the number of buses
- To have a greater mode share
- To reduce journey time by public transport

Proposals considering;

- Electrification
- Housing densities to support commercial bus operation
- Intergration with rail
- Busways and green routes

Bus major schemes

Linking to parking policy

Developments designed for buses





# BSIP themes and requirements

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Delivering the plan – programme of delivery, funding requirements and establish a monitoring framework.

Positive impact of new development

Long term financial package

Agree a framework for monitoring with operators

Passenger input into monitoring



# Developing the 2024 BSIP

## Engagement

LAPS – Community  
Transport subgroup

Network Review  
recommendations

Scrutiny

30<sup>th</sup> April

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22<sup>nd</sup> March  
8<sup>th</sup> May

Enhanced Partnership

March - TBC  
May - TBC

Executive – 13<sup>th</sup> June

Submission to DfT – 12<sup>th</sup> June



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# Any questions

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