

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUS SERVICES ACT 2017**

**AND THE TRANSPORT ACT 2000 S138F(1)(d)**

**WEST BERKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY [LTA]**

**NOTICE THAT WEST BERKSHIRE LTA PROPOSE TO MAKE AN ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND SCHEME**

By Delegated Decision of the Service Director Environment, Transport and Countryside dated 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, West Berkshire LTA gave its approval to proceed with the development of an Enhanced Partnership. The commencement of this was confirmed through the Notice of Intention to prepare an Enhanced Partnership Plan and accompanying Enhanced Partnership Schemes [EP] as required and set out in section 138F of the Transport Act 2000 and published on the same date.

An EP is an agreement that enables Local Authorities and Operators to set shared aims with regard to improving bus services.

The Proposed Enhanced Partnership Plan will cover the entire geographical area of West Berkshire Council.

The Bus Services Act 2017 amended the Transport Act 2000 to provide the LTA with powers to reform the bus market in West Berkshire and these provisions provide for new types of Partnership Schemes in West Berkshire. Pursuant to this, the West Berkshire Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme has been prepared.

Operators of Qualifying Local Services were notified on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 of the Prepared Plan and Scheme. By S138F(5)(a) and (b) the LTA may not make the EP Plan and Scheme if, within the period for objection a sufficient number of Operators of Qualifying Local Services in the area to which the Plan relates object to either the Plan and/or the Scheme.

**The period for objection expired on Monday 17 January, 2022 at 12 noon.**

No (or insufficient) objections having been received, TAKE NOTICE that West Berkshire LTA now propose to make the Plan and Scheme which can be viewed here:

<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/enhancedpartnership>

TO ALL STATUTORY CONSULTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH S138F(6) AND (7).

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**WEST BERKSHIRE LTA**

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