

## INFORMATION REGARDING NEW BUS SERVICES

Thank you for your email enquiring about bus services via Hayfield, Finningley and Auckley.

I can advise that Doncaster Bus Partnership (DBP) has brought significant improvements to the bus offer in the area with service 57a and 57c by doubling the number of buses per hour to Doncaster Sheffield Airport and the wider employment zone that is emerging around the airport. Service 57a and 57c also reduce the journey time between the Airport and Doncaster Interchange for quick connections from the local rail network, Transpennine trains and other local bus services.

Services 57a and 57c will improve local connectivity with Cantely and Auckley now having direct access to the expanding lport, for shift times at Amazon and other job opportunities in the area. More journeys will serve the lport as additional shifts are introduced as the various employers open businesses in the site.

Residents of Finningley and Blaxton will benefit from a 10-minute reduction in journey time to Doncaster town centre on the new 57f service, with journeys in an evening and Sunday provided on the 58f. As part of the overall network improvements, Bessecarr, Warning Tongue Lane and the new Manor House Farm housing Estate will see new bus services, more buses per hour and new local links on services 58a, 58c and 58f.

Some journeys will continue to operate via Hayfield Lane and Hurst Lane for access to education in addition to the dedicated school buses for Hayfield School such as service 521 and 522. Additional dedicated transport will also be provided by New College as it further expands its student numbers this September. Working with Hayfield School to accommodate their new school times will ensure that sufficient capacity is provided for all users. The dedicated transport provided by New College for their students will also assist in preventing overcrowding of the local primary and secondary school journeys.

Two further buses for Hayfield School on service 57f are provided in a morning at 08:00 and 08:09 as a number of McAuley, New College and primary school pupils also wish to use the services. Only one afternoon bus is provided on the 57f for Hayfield School as new dedicated transport for the New College is being provided by the college and the change in school time at Hayfield will mean the bus leaves before the college finishes.

Working with Hayfield School, DMBC and First loadings for buses has not exceeded 53 pupils heading towards Blaxton and Finningley and the double decker being provided will easily cater for this. Additional capacity can easily be provided with service 521 and 523 also running from the school and can have route changes implemented to meet any increases in demand and the school population/geographic distribution changes in the coming years. School service 588 also provides a later departure, for pupils remaining later at school to Austerfield, Bawtry and Tickhill. If there is sufficient demand for a later bus from September, this could operate via Blaxton and Finningley too.

In terms of access to local medical centres I can advise that the average number of passengers boarding on Hayfield Lane, Hurst Lane or Gate House Lane towards Blaxton and Finningley is only 4 passengers per week, when school travel is discounted. Therefore, to divert service 57f for such a small number of journeys, which would increase journey times for the vast majority of residents is not viable or sustainable.

For those who struggle to make the journey to the doctors using local bus services, it may be worth them considering registering with Doncaster Community Transport.

Doncaster Community Transport is a subsidised service which, for a small charge, provides an alternative solution for residents who may find it difficult to access standard public transport. Community Transport offers Door 2 Door 'Dial-a-Ride' and 'Shopper Bus services', which are available by registering for the services on (01302 342 400). Contact Details are also available at [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/door2door](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/door2door).

I trust that the above provides you with an update on changes to services in the area. However, if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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