

Appendix 4 – Supported Bus Network Proposals

Service Number	Route Description	Change Proposed	Description of Change/Justification	Bus Support Criteria - Rank	Level of support	Peak Vehicle Requirement
130	Macclesfield - Wilmslow - Handforth - Wythenshawe	Yes – minor	To extend some journeys currently starting or finishing at Handforth back to Wythenshawe (Metrolink). Enabling more opportunities for travel into the TfGM area.	1	Fully Supported	3
88	Macclesfield- Knutsford - Altrincham	Yes – minor	Some afternoon journeys retimed to later in the evening. Vehicle capacity increases. To meet school needs in CEC and TfGM.	2	Fully Supported	4
89	Northwich - Lostock Gralam - Pickmere - Knutsford- Altrincham	Yes – minor	Withdraw some placing journeys. Low utilisation at the moment and rail alternative is available.	2	Fully Supported	Linked with service 88
39	Crewe - Walgherton - Nantwich	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated moderate patronage growth over the last 12 months.	4	Fully Supported	1
12	Shavington - Crewe Bus Station - Leighton Hospital	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated moderate patronage growth over the last 12 months.	5	Partially Supported	1
42	Crewe - Leighton Hospital - Congleton	Yes – minor	Some evening journeys retimed to be earlier to better fit with school times at Holmes Chapel.	6	Fully Supported	3
84	Crewe - Nantwich - Tarporley - Tarvin - Chester	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated moderate patronage growth over the last 12 months.	7	Partially Supported	Evening & Sunday CWAC Contract
60, 60A	Macclesfield - Rainow - New Mills - Hayfield	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated moderate patronage growth over the last 12 months.	8	Partially Supported (Derbyshire Contract)	2

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37	Crewe - Sandbach - Middlewich - Winsford - Northwich	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated slight patronage growth over the last 12 months.	9	Partially Supported	Evening Contract joint with CWAC
317	Leighton Hosp - Sandbach - Rode Heath - Alsager	Yes – minor	Extend all journeys through to Close Lane, currently off peak only. To increase passenger numbers.	10	Fully Supported	2
58	Macclesfield - Buxton / Chatsworth	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated moderate patronage growth over the last 12 months.	11	Partially Supported (Derbyshire Contract)	2
318	Alsager - Rode Heath - Kidsgrove - Congleton	No	No change proposed at this stage. Patronage numbers have shown slight growth.	12	Fully Supported	1
38	Crewe - Sandbach - Congleton - Macclesfield	No	No change proposed at this stage. Patronage numbers have shown slight growth.	13	Partially Supported (evening services)	Evening Contract
92	Congleton - Buglawton Circular	No	No change proposed at this stage. Patronage numbers have shown slight growth.	14	Fully Supported	0.67
14A	Macclesfield - Sutton - Langley Circular	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated substantial patronage growth over the last 12 months.	15	Partially Supported	0.5
90	Congleton - Bromley Estate (Circular)	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated moderate patronage growth over the last 12 months.	16	Fully Supported	0.67
91	Congleton - Mossley Circular	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated substantial patronage growth over the last 12 months.	17	Fully Supported	0.67

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94, 94A	Congleton - Biddulph - Tunstall - Newcastle	No	No change proposed at this stage. This service has demonstrated substantial patronage growth over the last 12 months.	18	Partially Supported	1
319	Sandbach - Holmes Chapel Circular	No	No change proposed at this stage. Patronage numbers are stable.	19	Fully Supported	0
19, 19A	Macclesfield - Whirleybarn - Prestbury	No	No change proposed at this stage. Patronage numbers are stable.	20	Partially Supported	1
391, 392	Macclesfield - Stockport	Yes – Major	Increase frequency on section Middlewood-Stockport to hourly. To meet passenger needs on the busiest section of route providing access to health facilities and other services. There is evidence of latent demand and a desire to travel north to Stockport.	21	Fully supported	2
73	Nantwich - Wrenbury-Buerton - Audlem	Yes – Major	Focus on busiest section of route and extend to Leighton Hospital via Middlewich Road with some journeys covering Church Lane. To provide a link to the hospital from Nantwich and a more attractive service.	22	Fully Supported	1
72	Nantwich - Sound - Wrenbury - Audlem	Yes – Major	Focus on busiest section of route and extend to Leighton Hospital via Middlewich Road with some journeys covering Church Lane. To provide a link to the hospital from Nantwich and a more attractive service.	23	Fully Supported	1
312	Handforth Dean - Wilmslow	No	Fully supported by S106 Funding. This service launched in February 2023 pump primed with external funding with the intention	24	S106 funded	1

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			to grow patronage to become part of the supported bus network.			
316	Sandbach - Cookesmere Lane Circular	No	Minor off peak service with small number of journeys and low contract cost, linked to the 319. However, this is an important provision for communities and is well used.	25	Fully Supported	0
70	Nantwich - Faddiley - Bunbury - Tiverton	Yes - Major	To withdraw the service due to low usage and poor value for money. The service withdrawal will be mitigated by Flexible Transport in operation within the area.	26	Fully Supported	0

*Externally funded by neighbouring authorities.

Flexible Transport proposals are included in Appendix 2.