

KATALog Web Update No:4A - 18 Jan 2010

These are SCC proposals on bus services in North Surrey which also affect Kingston, and would take effect from September. Also see their website next:

http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/sccwebsite/sccwspages.nsf/LookupWebPagesByTITLE_RT/Proposed+changes+to+bus+services+in+north+Surrey?opendocument

218 (Kingston - Esher - Walton - Shepperton - Staines):

Shepperton to Staines section of route to be withdrawn (this section is covered by route 438 and new route 439). Consideration is being given to the introduction of a Sunday service.

451 (Kingston - Walton - Weybridge - Byfleet - Addlestone – Chertsey - Staines): Service to be withdrawn, although there will be an increase in Route 461 frequencies to two per hour, which will cover the Kingston to Addlestone section of route 451.

461 (Kingston - Walton - Weybridge - Addlestone - St. Peter's Hospital - Chertsey - Staines): Route to be withdrawn between St. Peter's Hospital and Staines. An increase in frequencies to 2 to per hour as detailed above. Consideration is being given to the introduction of a Sunday service.

471 (Kingston - Esher - Weybridge - Addlestone - Rowtown - New Haw - West Byfleet - Sheerwater - Woking): No changes to frequency are proposed, but there are plans to create two alternate routes running alternate hours for the section between Addlestone and Woking, either via or Rowtown and Woodham (route A) or Chertsey/St. Peter's Hospital and Ottershaw (route B). The route is also proposed to extend to Morrison's supermarket at the Woking end.

513 (Downside - Cobham - Oxshott - Esher - Thames Ditton - Kingston): No changes to route or frequency are proposed, but comments on how the route currently works are welcome.

514 (Kingston - Thames Ditton - Molesey - Hersham): Service to be withdrawn. Separate consideration is being given as to whether to retain the service as a school time only route to Esher High School.

See next page for KATA's comments.

515 (Kingston - Thames Ditton - Esher - Cobham - Ripley - Guildford): Consideration being given to later evening journeys, Monday -Saturday. The route currently operates approx. 7am - 7pm only.

801 (Hinchley Wood - Esher - North Kingston (Tiffin Girls' Sch): Consideration is being given to withdrawing this school time only service, which currently runs twice in the morning and once in the afternoon.

If you have any comments, please send them by the end of January to:-

SCC: passenger.transport@surreycc.gov.uk

TfL: STEngagement@tfl.gov.uk

RBK: Liam.Judge@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

and please send a copy to me: katalog281@blueyonder.co.uk

And lastly a TfL change from Monday 22 February 2010:-

467 (Hook - Chessington South - West Ewell - Epsom) Introducing extra SDO journeys to run beyond Hook to Hinchley Wood School.

AM departs Epsom at 0730 and arrives HW School, at 0810. This journey will also close the current 85 minute gap.

PM departs HW School at 1510 running to Copt Gilders only.

KATA's comment has been to ask for the two stops prior to Hook Library to be served on the afternoon journey from HW School.

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Dear TfL,

We would like to give our response to TfL regarding SCC's proposal to withdraw the 514...

Firstly, the withdrawing of the 514 is not such a loss to RBK residents providing it is replaced.

The negative aspects of the 514 are that the Oystercard is not valid on this route and is only hourly and which ceases at about 18:00 and no Sunday service.

Additionally, while it has TfL cash fares in Greater London (actually extended to Winters Bridge) it is therefore £2 cash, or £1.20 in addition to showing an Oystercard, and is thus more expensive.

It therefore has little appeal to Oystercard holders, plus its fares in Surrey are much more expensive than TfL services in Greater London.

Also, in 2007 it was withdrawn between Cromwell Road and Kingston Hospital making it even less attractive to local residents etc.

Additionally, the somewhat parallel 515 was re-routed away from Lovelace area in December 2006 thus halving the service there.

Following the 515 re-routeing we wrote to London Buses requesting a re-routeing of the K4 and now repeat that request as an imperative to provide a proper bus service for Lovelace etc.

The K4 is 1/2hourly and runs Hook-Chessington-Surbiton-Kingston-Hospital including evenings, albeit not Sundays at all.

As this route greatly duplicates the 71 and 465 we feel it could be re-routed (n/b) off Upper Brighton Road either > at The Maypole via either Ditton Road or Southborough Rd to Langley Ave etc., or re-routed at Langley Ave to Woodlands Road (all of it), Corkran Road (north), Lovelace Road, Lovelace Gdns to Brighton Road etc.

In essence any combination of roads that are deemed appropriate. [And return to Hook].

NB: In RBK, only Lovelace Gdns is uniquely served by 514 so that the K4 would provide a very useful service for many more.

Historically the K4 was set up by RBK over 20 years as a socially-necessarily service especially for elderly citizens and proved viable so that it was taken on by LT.

It was designed to serve previously unserved roads namely Winey Park & Mansfield Park etc.

Plus, a couple of years ago it was proposed to replace the 467 to Epsom Hospital with an extended K4 and if resurrected would be an ideal routeing overall.

Meanwhile, all our options are wholly in Greater London and would thus not cause any cross-boundary complications.

The extra running time we surmise would only be about 3mins and could easily be accommodated in the schedule.

Also, we're told by the DfT that all Londoners are supposed to have a bus stop, and a proper bus service, within 400 metres of their home which many of these roads are not. So, with 66% of Londoners not having a car which is equally true of many living in the Lovelace area and indeed those trying to visit this area.

On behalf of users we thank you for assessing this plea, which has similarly been made by elderly residents etc of Lovelace, and hope that it can be favourably looked at once again.

Finally, these changes could be made in conjunction with a rerouteing at Norbiton Church via Cambridge Road etc to the Hospital as previously requested.

Yours gratefully,

Tony Adams
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To readers, please write to TfL etc using these points etc.