



## **Our response to key consultation issues**

### **Bus route G1**

#### **Clapham Northcote: Bolingbroke Grove, Wakehurst and Belleville Roads**

Some concerns were raised about the possibility of some existing bus users losing out by the proposal to run the G1 straight up and down Northcote Road. We understand these concerns. However, the main reason for serving this part of the route was to serve the Bolingbroke Hospital facility. Health services have now been relocated so we believe there will be less demand for the G1 on this part of the route. Also, as the G1 only goes in one direction along each of Wakehurst and Belleville Roads, people already have to walk to use it and we believe more bus users would benefit from a more direct journey in this area.

We had support for this change from some local residents who wanted the G1 to go down Northcote Road instead of Broomwood Road.

We will keep this under review and welcome feedback from bus users when the changes happen.

#### **St Georges Hospital – Blackshaw Road and Garratt Lane**

We received some concerns about the proposal to change the route so that it goes along Blackshaw Road and Tooting High Street instead of Garratt Lane. The main concern was the possibility of more service delays due to traffic congestion in this area.

We have checked the timetable and average journey times of the 493, which goes along the same section of route, and we do not believe the G1 would be especially delayed in this area compared to Garratt Lane.

We also believe the service would be more direct towards Streatham as the G1 could go straight through the hospital grounds as well as serving the main entrance. We have therefore decided to go ahead with this and will keep it under close review with the council and hospital representatives.

### **Sunday frequency**

We had a mixed response to our proposal to run the Sunday service half hourly instead of hourly. Some saw the benefit of making this more frequent, (an hourly service is very infrequent for a London bus service and more people are travelling on Sundays). Others were concerned about the effect on Broomwood Road residents.

Around 1000 people use the service on Sunday. The G1 connects hospital facilities, residential areas, Tube and rail stations and we expect many people to benefit from this proposal. We are aware of Broomwood Road residents

concerns, but two buses per hour in each direction is still low frequency and buses will still be a small proportion of overall traffic on this street.

### **Streatham Vale & Norbury**

Some respondents considered that the G1 could be extended to give new links for the health facility at Norbury. This has been provided as part of the overall development of primary healthcare facilities in Streatham Vale, Streatham and Norbury.

An extension of route G1 to Streatham Common Station along Stanford Road, Rowan Road and Streatham Vale was suggested and this was evaluated. It would require two extra buses, at a cost of approximately £335,000 per year. The extension would be over roads already served by routes 60, 118 or 255. Although there would be new direct links to Norbury the additional usage on the bus network (and therefore the scale of the additional benefits for passengers) is unlikely to exceed 260 trips per day.

At this level, the net subsidy requirement would be £300,000 per year, the value of the additional benefits would be £155,000 per year, and the ratio of benefits to subsidy would be 0.5 to 1. The minimum level at which the extension could be considered for inclusion in the overall subsidy to the network is 2.0 to 1 and hence TfL is unable to provide the extension. However we will continue to discuss overall access to local primary healthcare at Norbury, Streatham and Streatham Vale with the local NHS, including their forecasts for usage of the site at Norbury.

### **Bus type**

We were asked to confirm what bus type will be used. The new bus operator, London General, will be using buses of the same type as currently operate. They are year 2005 Euro 3 engine, 45 capacity single deck buses with one set of doors.