

DURRANTS VILLAGE – COMMUNITY BUS PLAN (2017)

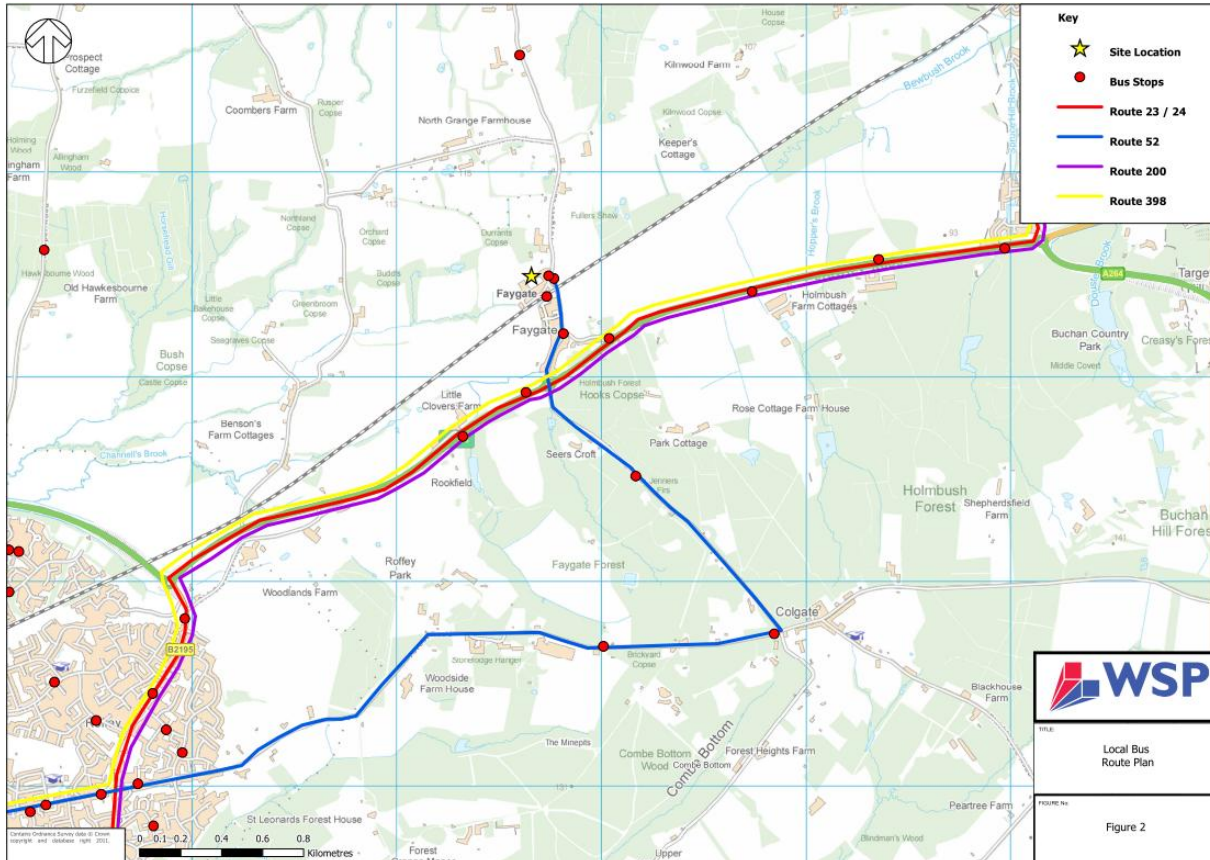
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1.1 INTRODUCTION

1.1.1 WSP has been appointed by Renaissance Villages to prepare a Community Bus Plan as a requirement of Schedule 1, Paragraph 4.5, of the Unilateral Undertaking under Section 106 dated 22 April 2009. This is the third version of the Bus Plan, with previous versions issued in June 2015 and December 2016. These notes provide an annual review of the Community Bus Plan as set out in Schedule 3, Paragraph 6, of the Section 106 agreements.

1.1.2 The development is located on Faygate Lane in Faygate – a small hamlet situated to the north-east of Horsham. A site location is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1 Durrants Village Location and Local Bus Services



1.1.3 The development when completed will include:

- ® 154 retirement dwellings, consisting of high quality two bedroom cottages and apartments;
- ® 'The Clubhouse' –including a swimming pool and fitness area, a restaurant, bar, library, medical centre, meeting and games room and administration and management facilities;
- ® Warden's unit;
- ® Visitor accommodation; and
- ® Village Shop.

1.1.4 The facilities presented above, when completed, will serve the residents of the development and some of the facilities will also be available to Faygate village.

1.2 CURRENT SITUATION (2017)

1.2.1 Although there are no regular bus services serving Durrants Village directly, bus service 52 (to Horsham) runs once per day on Mondays and Thursdays in each direction from Faygate Lane in Faygate village (adjacent to Durrants Village) and bus services 23, 200 and 398 (to Horsham and Crawley) run on the main road from the A264 roundabout.

1.2.2 Discussions have been held with the local bus operating company, Metrobus, to explore the possibility of diverting their services to serve Faygate village. Whilst Metrobus are open to diverting their services, there are no current plans to change existing services. One reason for this is there is no easily identifiable route through Faygate village without a doubling-back being required.

1.2.3 Faygate Railway Station is located adjacent to the site. The station is accessible for people with impaired mobility, with step free access and accessible ticket machines, although the station is unstaffed.

1.2.4 The line serves stations between Horsham and London Bridge (via Gatwick Airport and Redhill). Most trains leave the station in the peak hours, Monday to Friday. There are no trains on Saturdays or Sundays from the station.

1.2.5 As set out in the introduction the development is planned to have 154 units. During discussions with Renaissance Villages in August 2017 it was established that 105 units were now occupied, with a further 20 units expected to be occupied in October 2017.

1.2.6 A private transport service operates Monday to Friday, offering residents with a twice-daily service to Broadbridge Heath, Horsham and Crawley Town Centre. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday the service operates to and from Horsham, offering departures at 9:30am and 11:30am, return journeys can be made at 12:30pm and 2:30pm. On Tuesday and Thursday services operate between Broadbridge Heath, Horsham and Crawley Town Centre.

1.2.7 Between August 2016 and February 2017 the private transport service was provided by a 7 passenger vehicle operated by Durrants Village. However, for logistical reasons, the private transport service has reverted to being operated by a local taxi firm using a 6 passenger vehicle.

1.2.8 It has been confirmed by the Village Manager at Durrants Village that existing demand has remained similar to 2016 levels. Demand for existing services is rarely greater than 6 passengers per journey, which can be accommodated by the private transport service. It was also noted that there was no significant demand from residents for additional destinations.

1.2.9 Staff at Durrants Village are encouraged to use sustainable means of travel to journey to and from work, with most staff walking or car sharing.

1.3 COMMUNITY BUS PLAN

1.3.1 The Community Bus Plan is subject to review and can be varied to suit demand.

1.3.2 The most appropriate way to establish amendments to the services at Durrants Village continues to be through consultation via the Travel Plan. The appointed Travel Plan Coordinator and the County Council are then able to agree an appropriate service to meet the demands of the employees and residents of Durrants Village.

1.3.3 As set out previously it is suggested that the existing demand can continue to be catered for by the provision of a private transport service. It is proposed that the situation is reviewed again on 1 July 2018.