

Annex 4

Both schools and parish councils were surveyed for this piece of work and this is a summary of those surveys.

Parish Councils

1. The Task and Finish Group sent out a survey to all Parish and Town Councils in Rutland in order to gauge opinion about the provision of public transport within the county. It was hoped that the analysis of the responses would support the Task and Finish Group's work identifying need for transport within the county and clearly identify areas of perceived short fall and ensure discussion about these short falls could take place and where possible recommendations could be made to address these short falls.

The Survey:

1. Do you think your parish is well served by public transport?
 2. Does the public transport in your town / village run at times when it is most needed?
 3. Does your community have a community car scheme?
 4. If you would like additional transport are you prepared to survey your residents to ascertain potential usage levels?
 5. Are you satisfied that appropriate transport is provided from your parish / town for children to get to school?
2. 20 responses were received out of a possible 58 town and parish councils and parish meeting questionnaires sent out.

Question	Yes	No	Not answered	Marked as N/A
1)	40%	55%	5%	0
2)	40%	45%	10%	5%
3)	15%	85%	0%	0%
4)	45%	50%	0%	5%
5)	65%	25%	5%	5%

3. The group felt that the answer to question 3 justified giving parish councils more information about Whissendine's successful community transport scheme.

Respondents were also given the opportunity to offer additional comments. These are summarised below.

4. There are clearly some issues with waiting times between commonly used connecting services, for example if travelling from South Luffenham to Leicester. This journey requires the traveller to go via Uppingham with a one or two hour wait for the connecting service.
5. The reason for travel can also be the source of some conflict. Services that allow for working times are not necessarily conducive for those travellers using the

service for recreational purposes and likewise services that do not leave early enough are not conducive for workers.

6. There was also demand for the call connect service to be extended across the county.
7. The proposed surgery move in Uppingham was identified as possibly causing increased pressures on the existing transport service, with the desire for a more frequent service.
8. The running times of buses does not allow for the enjoyment of the late night economy; the last service is too early (for example 19:20 in Uppingham). This problem is compounded by a lack of an adhoc taxi service; most journeys need to be booked well in advance particularly at the weekend.

Schools

9. The Task and Finish group sent out a survey to all schools in Rutland in order to gauge opinion about the provision of school transport within the county. These surveys were sent to the head. As with the parish surveys, it was hoped that the responses would help to inform the recommendations in this report by gauging opinion of one of the major transport service users within the county. The survey was not sent to schools outside Rutland who educate Rutland pupils nor to local independent schools.

The Survey:

- 1) Are you happy with the home to school transport the children at your school receive?
- 2) Would you like to make any changes to your home to school transport provision?
- 3) Would you prefer RCC to give you a grant for home to school transport and you arrange it yourselves?
- 4) Do you think RCC should subsidise home to school transport for children other than those statutorily entitled to free transport?
- 5) Do you think RCC should subsidise denominational transport?
- 6) Do you think RCC should provide transport for post 16?

Five responses were received from a possible 20 forms sent out.

<u>Question</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1)	3	2
2)	4	1
3)	0	5
4)	0	5
5)	0	5
6)	4	1

10. The number of schools which responded was small but of those which did the majority would like to make changes to their home to school transport provision. If a review is undertaken schools should be given the opportunity to put their views forward.

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11. It was noted that for some schools, due to the localized nature of some of the bus passes, for some it was financially beneficial to go out of county for their education.
12. There were some comments regarding the desire for escorts on the primary schools service, particularly when different schools shared the same bus. There is no requirement to provide an escort on these services and the cost could be seen as prohibitive.