

## **HADDENHAM/ALDRETH/WILBURTON BUS SERVICE**

### **Notes for Haddenham Parish Council meeting 11th April 2012.**

#### **Timeline**

November 2011 – informal discussions with CCC re possible provision of a community mini-bus as removal of subsidies to bus companies was being considered.

January 2012 – meeting held with CCC, Dews and ESDAR to discuss and finalise questionnaire

February 2012 – questionnaires delivered throughout the villages with return by 17<sup>th</sup>

March 2012 – analysis of returns

April 2012 – meeting with Dews and ESDAR to review findings

#### **Principal findings were:**

- Circa 1900 questionnaires issued, with circa 230 returned, i.e. 12% response rate
- Responses accounted for over 400 residents (out of circa 4900)
- Circa 85% were from Haddenham/Aldreth
- Currently about 160 bus users, predominantly from Haddenham, with the majority using the 106
- Non-users mainly deterred by the inconvenience of the existing service
- Hardly anyone had used/considered using ESDAR – serious lack of awareness!
- About 334 respondents claimed that they would use a bus service if it was in line with their needs – over double the current usage level
- Bulk of requirements was for service to Ely, but scope for service to Cambridge
- Pattern of needs reflects commuter timings and market day in Ely
- Very few requested mid-day travel
- Majority voted for scheduled service provision
- 2/3rds of potential market eligible for concessionary travel


E-mail from CCC confirms that subsidies will be phased out (April 2013 for the 106), but a more flexible funding arrangement will be introduced, which we can draw on to subsidise non-commercial but socially necessary services.

#### **Actions from Meeting**

- Dews to investigate new timetable and route for the 106 in line with parishioners requirements
- ESDAR to examine possibility of a scheduled commuter run morning and evening to Milton P&R
- ESDAR to examine possibility of a scheduled shuttle run Haddenham to Cottenham to link with bus service from there to Cambridge
- Next meeting to be arranged in early May

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