Big Conversation: Rural Transport

13 June to 8 August 2018

Consultation Questionnaire

Kent County Council’s Big Conversation aims to find potential new opportunities in providing rural transport services. Your feedback is really important. It will be used along with feedback from bus, community transport and taxi operators and our equality analysis to develop potential pilots that will be presented at a Bus Summit in October 2018.

**What information do you need before completing the questionnaire?**

Join us at your local public meeting to find out more or view the consultation material online at [www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation) before responding to this questionnaire. There will be 11 public meetings between 7pm and 9pm:

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| **Public meeting venue** | **Date** |
| **Dover Town Hall** The Maison Dieu, Biggin Street, Dover CT16 1DL  | Tuesday 19 June |
| **Margate Football Club** Hartsdown Park, Hartsdown Road, Margate CT9 5QZ | Thursday 21 June |
| **Elite Venue Centre** Dunkirk Close, Gravesend DA12 5ND | Tuesday 26 June  |
| **Stag Community Arts Centre**London Road, Sevenoaks TN13 1ZZ | Wednesday 4 July |
| **Borough Green Village Hall**Borough Green TN15 8DG  | Thursday 5 July |
| **University of Kent**Darwin Conference Suite, Canterbury CT2 7NZ | Tuesday 10 July |
| **The High Weald Academy**Angley Road, Cranbrook TN17 2PJ | Wednesday 11 July  |
| **St Mary’s Bay Village Hall**Romney Marsh TN29 0SW | Thursday 12 July  |
| **Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre**Ashford Road, Tenterden TN30 6LT | Tuesday 17 July |
| **UK P Leisure**Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne ME10 4DE  | Wednesday 18 July  |
| **Sessions House** Lecture Theatre, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XQ | Thursday 19 July  |

This questionnaire can be completed online at: [www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation.](http://www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation) Alternatively, fill in this paper form and return to: FREEPOST BIG CONVERSATION

**Please ensure your response reaches us by 8 August 2018.**

**Alternative Formats:** If you need this questionnaire or any of the consultation documents in an alternative format, please email alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 421553 (text relay service number: 18001 03000 421553). This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored during office hours.

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**Section 1 – About You**

**Q1. Are you responding as…?**

Please select the option from the list below that most closely represents how you will be responding to this consultation.

*Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Yourself (as an individual) |
|  | A friend or relative – **please answer all the questions in this questionnaire using the details of the person you’re responding on behalf of and not your own.** |
|  | A bus operator  |
|  | A representative of a local community group or residents’ association |
|  | On behalf of an educational establishment, such as a school or college  |
|  | On behalf of a Parish / Town / Borough / District Council in an official capacity |
|  | A Parish / District or County Councillor |
|  | A business owner  |
|  | On behalf of a charity, voluntary or community sector organisation (VCS) |
|  | Other, please specify:  |  |

**Q1a**. **If you are responding on behalf of an organisation (bus operator, local community group or residents’ association, Council, local business owner or charity, VCS), please tell us the name of the organisation.**

*Please write in* ***below****.*

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| **Q2. Please tell us your postcode:** |  |

*We use this to help us to analyse our data. It will not be used to identify who you are.*

**If you are responding as an organisation, please go to Section 2.**

**If you are responding as an individual or on behalf of a friend or relative, please continue to Q3.**

**Q3. How often do you use the following types of transport in your local area?**

*Select only* ***one*** *option for each row.*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Once a day or more | At least once a week | At least once a fortnight | Less often | Never |
| Buses |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trains |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Transporte.g. access to a minibus or car service if you can't access public transport (Kent Karrier) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Taxis |  |  |  |  |  |
| Own car |  |  |  |  |  |
| Someone else’s car, e.g. family, friend, neighbour |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hospital arranged transport (excluding emergency services) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other, please specify: |  |  |  |  |  |

**Q3a. Please select from the list below the reason for using these type(s) of transport:**

*Select* ***all*** *that apply.*

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|  | **Modes of transport** |
| **Reasons for your journey**  | Buses | Trains | Community Transport | Taxis | Own car | Someone else’s car | Hospital arranged transport | Other |
| To get to and from school/college/university |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To get to and from work |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To get to and from doctors, hospital or healthcare appointments |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To do food shopping |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To get to and from leisure and social activities |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| To care for a friend or relative |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Visiting friends and family |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other, please specify the reason for your journey and the mode of transport used: |

**Q4. Does the availability of public transport where you live restrict the places that you go?**

*Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |

**Q4a. If you have responded ‘Yes’ to Q4, please select from the list below the reasons for not being able to travel to where you want to go?**

*Please note train services operate on fixed timetables and the operation of those services is not included in the scope of this consultation.*

*Select* ***all*** *that apply.*

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| **Barriers** | **Please tick****all that apply** |
| No public transport available near me |  |
| Long walk to bus stop or train station  |  |
| Journeys not direct / too many changes |  |
| Journeys take too long |  |
| Buses / trains are too infrequent |  |
| Buses / trains don’t run early or late enough    |  |
| Buses don't run on Sundays / Bank Holidays   |  |
| Restricted times with travel passes   |  |
| Public transport is too expensive |  |
| Lack of disabled accessible transport |  |
| Cannot get to or access my nearest bus stop / train station |  |
| Do not feel safe waiting at bus stop  |  |
| Other reasons or comments on the above: |

**Section 2 – Feedback on potential ideas for the future**

The consultation document highlights three initial ideas for delivering public transport to rural communities in the future. We want to understand what is most important to you or the groups you represent to help us develop these ideas.

**Q5. Please select from the list below up to three most and least important features for a rural transport service.**

*Please select up to* ***three*** *features in each column.*

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| **Features**  | **Most important**  | **Least important** |
| Go where you want to go (stops where you need it to stop and is not limited to bus stops) |  |  |
| Goes when you want to go  |  |  |
| You could book within 1 hour’s notice  |  |  |
| Timetabled service  |  |  |
| Tickets cover the whole journey  |  |  |
| Seats can be booked in advance  |  |  |
| There are multiple ways of booking e.g. by phone or online  |  |  |
| Anyone could book and travel if registered |  |  |
| Is linked to a wider bus and train network |  |  |
| There are multiple ways of paying e.g. by phone or online |  |  |
| The price is cheaper than a one-off taxi journey  |  |  |
| Provision for disabled access |  |  |

**Please answer the following questions on each of the three initial ideas for delivering public transport in rural communities in the future.**

**If you are responding as an organisation, please answer questions 6a, 7a, 8a, 10 and 11.**

**Q6. Based on the information provided in the consultation booklet, how likely would you or anyone in your household be to use ‘Idea 1 - Feeder services’ if it was available?**

*Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Very likely |
|  | Quite likely |
|  | Quite unlikely |
|  | Very unlikely |
|  | Don’t know |
|  | Not applicable to me |

**Q6a. Please add any comments you have on ‘Idea 1 - Feeder services’ in the text box provided below.**

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**Q7. Based on the information provided in the consultation booklet, how likely would you or anyone in your household be to use ‘Idea 2 - Bookable flexible bus services’ if it was available?**

*Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Very likely |
|  | Quite likely |
|  | Quite unlikely |
|  | Very unlikely |
|  | Don’t know |
|  | Not applicable to me |

**Q7a. Please add any comments you have on ‘Idea 2 - Bookable flexible bus services’ in the text box provided below.**

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**Q8. Based on the information provided in the consultation booklet, how likely would you or anyone in your household be to use ‘Idea 3 - Use of taxi-bus style services’ if it was available?**

*Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Very likely |
|  | Quite likely |
|  | Quite unlikely |
|  | Very unlikely |
|  | Don’t know |
|  | Not applicable to me |

**Q8a. Please add any comments you have on ‘Idea 3 - Use of taxi-bus style services’ in the text box provided below.**

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**Q9. Do you travel using any of the following bus passes?**

*Select* ***all*** *that apply.*

*It is not necessary to answer this question if you are responding on behalf of an* ***organisation****.*

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|  |  Older person’s bus pass (English National Concessionary Travel Scheme) |
|  |  Mobility impairment bus pass (English National Concessionary Travel Scheme) |
|  |  Companion bus pass (English National Concessionary Travel Scheme) |
|  |  Young Person’s travel pass  |
|  |  Kent 16+ travel card  |
|  |  KCC Free School Bus Pass/KCC entitled scholars pass |
|  |  No, I do not use any bus passes |
|  |  Other, please specify:  |  |

**Q9a****. If you travel using any of the passes above (excluding those entitled to receive free Home to School Transport) would you be prepared to pay extra for your journey** **if it provided an improved service compared to your current provision?**

*Select* ***one*** *option.*

*It is not necessary to answer this question if you are responding on behalf of an* ***organisation****.*

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|  | Yes - up to £2 |
|  | Yes - up to £4 |
|  | No |
|  | Not applicable  |
|  | Don’t know |

**Q10. We have completed an initial Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) for the potential pilots.**

An EqIA is a tool to assess the impact any proposals would have on the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, race, religion, and carer’s responsibilities. The EqIA is available at [www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation) or in hard copy on request.

**If you have any comments about the Equality Impact Assessment, please provide them here.**

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**Section 3 – Any other comments**

**Q11. Thank you for taking part in the Big Conversation – your feedback will help us to shape the future of rural transport in Kent.**

**If you have any further comments or other ideas, we would like you to share them with us below.**

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|  | **Section 4 - More About You**We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally, and that no one gets left out. That's why we are asking you these questions. This information will be kept anonymous and we’ll use it only to help us make decisions and improve our services.**If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.****If you are responding to this questionnaire on behalf of someone else, please answer these questions using their details and not your own.** **It is not necessary to answer these questions if you are responding on behalf of an organisation.**

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| **Q12.** | **Which of the following options best describes what you are doing at present?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.* |  |

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|  | Working - in full-time job (30+ hours per week) |
|  | Working - in part-time job (under 30 hours per week) |
|  | On a government supported training programme (e.g. Modern Apprenticeship, Training for Work) |
|  | Full time education at school, college or university |
|  | Unemployed and available for work |
|  | Permanently sick/disabled |
|  | Wholly retired from work |
|  | Looking after the home |
|  | I prefer not to say  |
|  | Other, please provide details: |

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| **Q13.** | **Are you......?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.* |  |
|  | Male |
|  | Female |
|  | I prefer not to say |

**Q14. Is your Gender the same as your birth?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | I prefer not to say |

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| **Q15.** | **Which of these age groups applies to you?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.* |
|   |  0-15  |  |  25-34 |  |  50-59 |  |  65-74 |  |  85 + over |
|  |  16-24 |  |  35-49 |  |  60-64 |  |  75-84 |  |  I prefer not to say |

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| **Q16.** | **Do you regard yourself as belonging to a particular religion or holding a belief?***Please select* ***one*** *option.* |
|   |  Yes |   |  No |  |  I prefer not to say |
| **Q16a.** | **If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q16, which of the following applies to you?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.* |

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|   | Christian |  | Hindu |  | Muslim |  | I prefer not to say |
|  | Buddhist |  | Jewish |  | Sikh |  | Other*Please write in below* |
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|  | The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted**,** or is likely to last**,** at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.  |

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| **Q17.** | **Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?***Please select* ***one*** *option.* |
|   |  Yes |   |  No |  |  I prefer not to say |
| **Q17a.** | **If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q17, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you.** You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select **all** **that apply**. If none of these applies to you, please select ‘Other’, and give brief details of the impairment you have. |
|  |  Physical impairment |
|  |  Sensory impairment (hearing, sight or both) |
|  |  Longstanding illness or health condition, or epilepsy |
|  |  Mental health condition |
|  |  Learning disability |
|  |  I prefer not to say |
|  |  Other (please specify)  |
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| A Carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support. Both children and adults can be carers. |
| **Q18.** | **Are you a Carer?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.* |  |
|  | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | I prefer not to say |

**Q19. To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.* (Source: 2011 Census)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| White English |  | Mixed White & Black Caribbean |  |
| White Scottish |  | Mixed White & Black African |  |
| White Welsh |  | Mixed White & Asian |  |
| White Northern Irish |  | Mixed Other\* |  |
| White Irish |  | Black or Black British Caribbean |  |
| White Gypsy/Roma |  | Black or Black British African |  |
| White Irish Traveller |  | Black or Black British Other\* |  |
| White Other\* |  | Arab |  |
| Asian or Asian British Indian |  | Chinese |  |
| Asian or Asian British Pakistani |  | I prefer not to say  |  |
| Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi |   |  |  |
| Asian or Asian British Other\* |  |  |  |

\***Other Ethnic Group - If your ethnic group is not specified on the list, please describe it here**

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**Q20. Are you…?**

*Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Heterosexual/Straight |
|  | Bi/Bisexual |
|  | Gay woman/Lesbian |
|  | Gay man |
|  | Other |  |
|  | I prefer not to say  |   |

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, your feedback is important to us.**

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Last Updated: 22nd May 2018

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The personal information we collect and use

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