

Changes to bus services – July 2018

Warwickshire County Council has notified the Parish Council that Stagecoach are planning a number of changes and improvements to bus services in and around Rugby, which will come into force from Saturday 21st July.

In summary, the introduction of a through Coventry - Rugby - DIRFT service running up to every 30 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays with hourly extensions to / from Northampton amalgamating the existing service 86 and an improved service 96. The new through service will be numbered 96.

Whilst Clifton upon Dunsmore is not directly affected, passengers wishing to make connections in the town centre to other destinations should be aware that a number of routes have been altered.

In more detail the changes are:-

Service 86 Coventry - Wolston - Rugby Town Centre - Overslade

Service 86 is withdrawn between Rugby Town Centre and Overslade with this section replaced by a new local Rugby Town service numbered 1.

The remaining Coventry to Rugby section is renumbered 96 and on Mondays to Saturdays is extended to DIRFT via Hillmorton every 30 minutes and further extended on an hourly frequency to Northampton

On Monday to Saturday an additional journey is introduced departing Coventry at 0535 to Rugby and 1953 from Rugby to Coventry. This is to provide a Coventry to DIRFT link for an 0700 start and 1900 finish at the Prologis Park

Most of the existing service 86 journeys between Coventry and Rugby have been retimed 5 minutes later to improve the cross Rugby links.

There are no changes to the existing Coventry to Rugby service on a Sunday apart from the renumbering to service 96.

Service 96 Northampton - DIRFT - Hillmorton - Rugby Town Centre

The existing service 96 operating between Northampton and Rugby will be extended to Coventry via the current 86 route and the Rugby - Hillmorton - DIRFT section increased to half hourly

All journeys within Hillmorton will be revised to run via the following route in both directions:-

Hillmorton Road, Elms Drive, Deerings Road, Featherbed Lane, The Kent, School Street, Lower Street, Watts Lane, Crick Road, A428.

Within DIRFT buses will run via Danes Way with the short workings extending to DIRFT III (Note this will be shown as Danes Way Tesco on the timetable).

Earlier / Later journeys have been introduced to cater for a Coventry to DIRFT link for an 0700 start and 1900 finish at Prologis.

For your further information within Rugby itself the following changes have been made:-

Service 1 Newbold - Glebe Estate - Rugby Town Centre - Overslade

This is a new service linking the Newbold to Rugby Town Centre section of service 3 with the Rugby Town Centre section of service 86.

Where possible the existing times of buses from both the Newbold and Overslade ends have been maintained and connections are still available in Rugby Town Centre with revised service 96 to / from Coventry for customers travelling to / from Overslade.

To keep the service reliable buses are rerouted at the Overslade end to operate from Overslade Lane via Bawnmore Road to Sainsburys (Dunchurch Road) rather than via Longrood Road, Cymbeline Way and Montague Road - the existing route will be observed at school times to serve Rugby High School.

Service 3 Newbold - Glebe Estate - Rugby Town Centre - Hillmorton and Service 3A Long Lawford - Rugby Town Centre - Hillmorton

Service 3 is withdrawn and partly replaced by service 1 between Newbold and Rugby Town Centre and revised service 96 between Rugby Town Centre and Hillmorton.

Service 3A (possibly renumbered 3) will stay essentially as it is now running between Long Lawford and Hillmorton - additional journeys have been introduced between Rugby Town Centre and Hillmorton to plug the gaps previously filled by service 3 which are not covered by service 96.

The split between the service 96 journeys between Long Lawford and Hillmorton is maintained.

Service D1 / D2 Northampton - Daventry DIRFT - Rugby Town Centre - Central Park

All journeys will be rerouted via the Ashlawn Estate to provide a regular half hourly facility to / from the estate.

Service D2 will no longer serve Southfields but will instead be rerouted between Rugby Rail Station and Rugby Gateway / Central Park via Technology Drive and Elliots Field.

A revised route will be introduced between Braunston and Kilsby to avoid the narrow road currently used.