

Transport links are of interest and concern to villagers being well represented in feedback as both the best and worse things about the village for residents, commuters and businesses.

Much of Tadworth village might be seen as having grown up around the once newly developing railway. Consequently the station is centrally located with shops, churches and homes radiating out from this centre.

Many residents value the public transport links and quote them as one of their key reasons for living in the areas. However there is no agreement about the adequacy of the bus and train routes that serve the Village. The way people report this appears dependant on where residents live and their particular needs. Tadworth also has an older than average population, many of whom now use public transport, perhaps encouraged by the provision of free bus passes for the over 60 year olds.



■ Background

- Many people commute to work in London by train and the services provided reflect the needs of these, the majority of commuters
- The station is not staffed outside the morning peak period and has provided an unregulated meeting place for young people during the evening which discourages some travellers
- Many residents report that the bus services do not go to the destinations they require at the times they want. Quoting particularly the lack of Sunday and evening provision, and the infrequency of the 420 and 460. Some areas of the village are better provided for than others
- Some health care providers report that staff experience difficulties getting to and from work on weekends and bank holiday shifts
- Currently the main bus services are subsidised by Surrey County Council because there are no operators who are prepared to provide the service without subsidy
- Residents report that the bus stops do not have adequate seating
- School children report that the school buses are often late getting them to school
- Traders report that customers travel by train from surrounding villages to use the shops
- Some residents would like a direct bus service to Sutton via the A217

■ Actions

- Represent Residents and Businesses opinions to Stakeholders and Transport Planners
- Improve bus stops with seating and investigate provision of bus shelters
- Discuss anti-social behaviour with the Transport Police
- Investigate use of cycle racks at the station
- Support Public Transport by being a member of East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership

■ Lead/Responsible Agency:

- Network Rail
- Surrey County Council (SCC)
- Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

■ Resources:

- Councillors awards for seating
- Pfizer Community Fund

■ Timescale:

- Short term

■ Outcome Measuring/Reporting:

- Improved seating provided - information provided to Surrey County Council

■ Local Community : What you can do

- Make use of your Public Transport Services to help secure their future
- www.nationalrail.co.uk
- www.traveline.org.uk/index.htm
- www.surreycc.gov.uk Roads and Transport
- www.buses4u.co.uk

