

Appendix 7

Key Bus & Rail Network - definition & diagram

Definition of Key Bus & Rail Network

Group A Settlements & the Group B Settlements of Boroughbridge, Masham & Pateley Bridge:

within these settlements a Key Bus & Rail Network has been defined where good bus or rail services exist or where improvements to services and infrastructure are proposed. This forms part of a District-wide Key Bus & Rail Network as shown in Figure 4, below, and referred to in the Core Policies. The definition of this network has been undertaken in consultation with North Yorkshire County Council, as the authority with responsibility for public transport.

A good bus service is defined taking into account settlement size and location as follows:

- Harrogate, Knaresborough & Ripon - better than half hour service;
- Boroughbridge - an hourly service;
- Masham & Pateley Bridge - a service that runs on 6 or more days enabling commuting to work (see definition under villages below).

Other Group B settlements & Group C villages:

the Key Bus and Rail Network in the rural area defines what the Council, in consultation with the County Council, consider to constitute a good service for what is primarily a rural area. This is defined as a bus service which operates on 6 or more days a week and where the bus service Monday - Friday operates at times to enable travel to and from the village to a main settlement offering employment opportunities (between 8.00-9.30am and 4.45-6.30pm). This level of service enables access to a range of employment opportunities and key services and facilities by bus, some of which may be outside the District. The service is generally available to the public.

The Leeds Harrogate York Railway Line forms part of this network. Services operated by the Little Red Bus and Community Transport are not included within this network. This is because the service is not generally available to the public and does not operate on a fixed route. It provides a service to anyone who cannot use or has difficulty using conventional bus services. The service is booked in advance, collects passengers from their home and takes them to their destination.

FIGURE 4: Key Bus & Rail Network

