

Huntingdonshire (St Ives, St Neots & Huntingdon) Area Proposed Changes

These bus service proposals are ideas we are consulting on, rather than final decisions. They are being shared so we can hear your views and better understand what matters most to people and communities across the region.

We have developed these proposals to try to meet the needs of the region as a whole, improve connections, and make the best use of available resources. However, they are not set in stone, and we will continue to review and refine them in light of the feedback we receive.

We really welcome your views and very much appreciate you taking the time to look through the proposed changes and complete the survey. Your feedback will play an important role in shaping the final proposals.

Services Before:

- 5A: St Ives to Bar Hill
- 8: Cambridge to Papworth Everard
- 28: Bedford to Kimbolton
- 65 St Neots - Buckden
- 67: St Ives to St Neots (cancelled service)
- 69: St Ives to Boxworth
- 400: Huntingdon to Kimbolton
- 401: Huntingdon to The Giddings
- 301 / 301S / 301V / 301X: St Ives to Ramsey
- T1: Cambridge to Huntingdon
- T12: Longstanton to Sutton

Services After:

- Huntingdonshire Revised Service A: St Ives to St Neots
- Huntingdonshire Revised Service B: St Ives to Cambridge
- Huntingdonshire Revised Service C: Cambridge to Huntingdon and St Ives
- Huntingdonshire Revised Service E: Bedford to Huntingdon
- Huntingdonshire Revised Service D: St Ives to Somersham and Ramsey

What these changes mean:

The New Huntingdonshire Revised Service D: This simplified network will replace services 301, 301X, 301V and T12 and provide links from villages such as Earith and Somersham up to hourly Monday to Saturday. Two return journeys per day will also continue onward to Pidley, Warboys, Bury and Ramsey, retaining these important shopping links

Earith: Service T12 is withdrawn meaning direct links to Longstanton Park and Ride will cease, connections can be made at St Ives Bus Station for Longstanton Park and Ride.

Sutton: Will lose direct link to Longstanton Park and Ride, the Zip services will continue to serve Sutton.

Woodhurst: Will no longer be served, Tiger on Demand to provide replacement.

The New Huntingdonshire Revised Service C: This service will be retained hourly along current line of route Monday to Saturday and extended between St Ives and Ramsey to provide a fast link between the two towns and reinstate services to Houghton (former 904 route).

Houghton: Will receive direct bus services.

Better services Huntingdon and St Ives: New fast link operating between the two towns.

The 65 service: proposed to replace this off-peak Monday to Friday service with fixed trips on the Tiger on Demand service.

Services 400 and 401 will be withdrawn: The current 400 and 401 routes would be removed and replaced by extended service 28, Huntingdonshire Revised Service E. On sections of the route, Passenger numbers from many villages on these routes are very low. Alconbury will continue to be served by service AW1. A fixed-time Demand Responsive Transport journey will be introduced to meet demand from Woolley, Barham, Buckworth, Upton, Hamerton, Little Gidding, Great Gidding, Winwick, Old Weston, Leighton Bromswold, Spaldwick, Easton and Stow Longa, where current demand is very low.

Route 28 will be extended to Huntingdon: The existing 28 route will be extended beyond its current route to Huntingdon, to form the new Huntingdonshire Revised Service E. This will create a new direct bus link between Bedford and Huntingdon. Passengers travelling between Bedford and Huntingdon will no longer need to change buses. The new arrangement is intended to provide a faster and more practical journey between the two towns, while using Demand Responsive Transport to serve smaller villages where regular bus use is very low.

New Services Huntingdonshire Revised Service A and Huntingdonshire Revised Service B will be introduced: The current 5A, 8, 67 and 68 services would be withdrawn and replaced by:

- Huntingdonshire Revised Service A: St Ives – Bar Hill – Papworth Everard – St Neots
- Huntingdonshire Revised Service B: St Ives – Bar Hill – Cambridge

The aim is to create a simpler network with better connections, longer operating hours and more useful journey opportunities.

Better service between St Ives and Bar Hill: The section between St Ives and Bar Hill will continue to be served. Buses will run every 60 to 120 minutes and school journeys for Swavesey Village College will be retained. There will be a longer operating day and two extra return trips each day compared with the current service. For most passengers travelling

between St Ives, Fenstanton, Swavesey and Bar Hill, there should be more travel opportunities during the day.

New Huntingdonshire Revised Service A: The new Huntingdonshire Revised Service A will provide the main link between:

- Bar Hill
- Boxworth
- Elsworth
- Papworth Everard
- St Neots

This means:

- Boxworth and Elsworth gain a more useful and more regular service
- Direct journeys to St Neots railway station
- Timetables will be designed to connect with trains towards London
- Longer operating hours make commuting and evening travel easier
- Connections available at Bar Hill for: Cambridge-bound service 5, Longstanton Park and Ride, the Cambridge – St Ives Busway

New Huntingdonshire Revised Service B: the new service will provide a direct route from St Ives – Bar Hill – Cambridge, using the current route of service 8 after Bar Hill. This means:

- More villages will have a direct bus to Cambridge city centre
- Direct Cambridge journeys will remain available without needing to change buses
- The two journeys that continue beyond Bar Hill will run at broadly similar times to today's service 8

Changes for Hilton, Knapwell and Conington: These villages will no longer be served by the replacement route. But they will still have Dews Coaches service 9, Tiger on Demand (bookable Demand Responsive Transport Service). Demand from these villages is currently very low.

Faster journeys for some passengers: By removing the loop through Hilton, Knapwell and Conington journeys from Elsworth and Papworth Everard towards Bar Hill, Longstanton, and Cambridge connections will be around 15 minutes faster.

School journeys will be protected: All existing school transport links currently provided by the routes will continue.

Pros

Cons

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New direct link between Huntingdon and Bedford which delivers faster travel times than current • New links to Bedford and Huntingdon at a regular 2 hourly frequency for communities in both Bedford Borough and CPCA area including Tilbrook, Kimbolton, Great Staughton, Dillington, Perry, Grafham & Ellington • Connections for schools and hospital shift times retained as per the current 400 along with arrival times into Bedford currently provided by the 28. • Enhanced frequency between St Ives, Needingworth, Bluntisham, Earith, Colne & Somersham to hourly • New fast link introduced between Huntingdon and St Ives. • New coordinated service to St Neots Rail Station for fast links into London • Higher frequency services for Elsworth, Papworth Everard and Boxworth with fast journeys to St Neots for rail connections and Bar Hill / Longstanton for services into Cambridge • Enhanced frequency for Fen Drayton, Boxworth End, Swavesey, Over and Willingham in comparison to the current 5A service • Connection for Dry Drayton, Madingley and Coton to Cambridge maintained at similar times to current. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of scheduled bus service to Spaldwick and various other small communities in the area west of Huntingdon • Reduction in journeys between St Ives and Ramsey (journeys still possible via Huntingdon) • Woodhurst no longer served • Slower journeys between St Ives and St Neots • Conington, Knapwell & Hilton no longer served by 8 / 67 services. • Link for Sutton and Earith to Longstanton withdrawn.
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C Service

Proposed bus route



Key

- Bus route C
- Direction of travel
- Terminus point
- 🚉 Railway station

ST IVES TO EARITH

Current bus routes



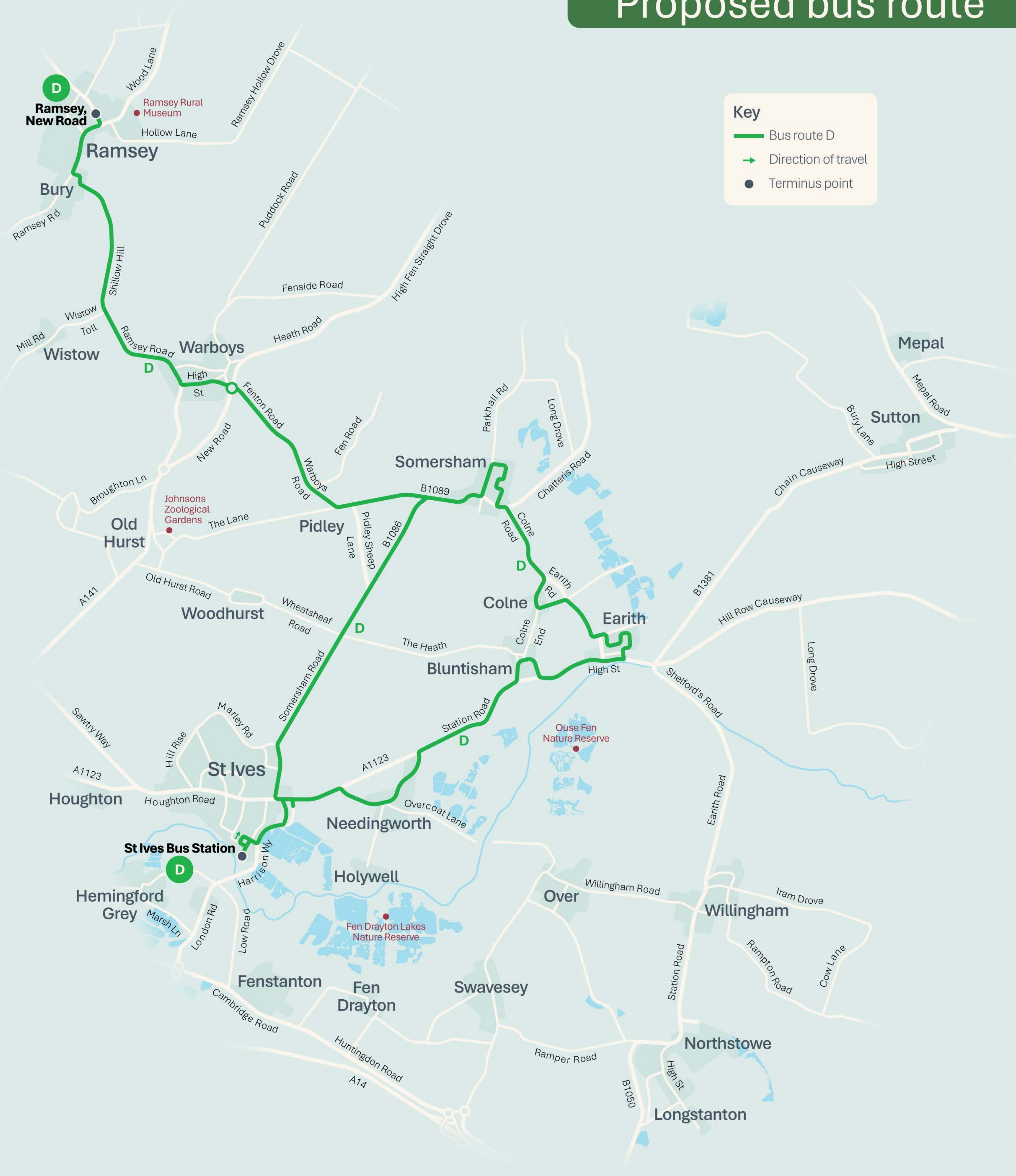
Key

- Bus route T12
- Bus routes 301, 301S, 301V, 301X
- Direction of travel
- Terminus point

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ST IVES TO EARITH

Proposed bus route



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ST NEOTS AND ST IVES

Current bus routes

Key

- Bus route 5A (school journeys only)
- Bus route 8
- Bus route 67 (service already withdrawn)
- Bus route 69
- Terminus point
- Railway station



ST NEOTS AND ST IVES

Proposed bus routes

Key

- Proposed bus route A (school journeys only)
- Proposed bus route B
- Terminus point
- Railway station



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WEST HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Proposed bus routes



Key

- Bus route E
- Direction of travel
- Terminus point
- Railway station

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