



Immediate changes to your pink route 22

From tomorrow, Saturday 8 October, the route pink 22 will temporarily change until Wednesday 9 November. This is in order to comply with instructions from the Traffic Commissioner for the Western Traffic Area.

From tomorrow (Saturday 8 October) buses will not serve the two stops at the southern end of Albert Road and will not drive along The Mount and Kidmore Road as they have been doing since 26 September 2011.

Instead, for a period until Wednesday 9 November, buses will operate direct via Oakley Road between Hemdean Road and Albert Road.

Journeys towards Caversham Centre and Reading

This means that on inward journeys to Caversham Centre and Reading, buses will turn left at the end of Highmoor Road into Albert Road, then right into Oakley Road, picking up their existing route beyond Kidmore Road.

Journeys outwards from Reading and Caversham Centre

On outward journeys from Reading and Caversham Centre, buses will proceed from the lower (eastern) end of Oakley Road straight across the junction with Kidmore Road, along Oakley Road and turning right into Albert Road to resume their normal route.

The Community Link route 28 is not affected by these changes and will continue to operate via The Mount and Priest Hill as they have been since 26 September.

We apologise for the sudden nature of this temporary change, which results from circumstances beyond our control.

Background

In the second week of September we sought to make a last minute change to our registration for pink route 22 due to start on 26th September. This was principally to accommodate public concerns about the reduction of service to and from The Mount area. In accordance with the regulations we submitted a short notice registration so that the revised service (which would otherwise have had to wait until the second week in November to start) could be introduced at the same time as all the other changes to Caversham area services. This is a process that we have used many times in the past, always submitting a letter of support from the local authority (Reading Borough Council). In this case, however, the Traffic Commissioner, who has absolute discretion in these matters, has refused to accept the short notice registration and has determined that the revised operation should start on Wednesday 9 November. Until that time, we are required to revert to the original registration which had been registered to start on 26 September. The letter of refusal was received at our offices yesterday Thursday 6 October and we are acting as quickly as possible to comply with it.

On behalf of Reading Transport Ltd, I wish to apologise to all concerned for the inconvenience that will inevitably follow from this process.

James Freeman
Chief Executive Officer
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