

DOCUMENT	Public Transport	REVIEWED BY: C. Thompson
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LOCATION	ECC Bus Time Tables	
BROAD DESCRIPTION	Analysis of available public transport services for the Neighbourhood Plan Area	
WHAT DOES THE POLICY SAY THAT HAS DIRECT RELEVANCE TO THE PARISH?	BROADBAND	Lack of Public Transport for employment opportunities could be offset to some degree, by home working, if the current extremely poor Broadband service was enhanced considerably.
	DESIGN	Provision for garages and/or parking facilities.
	EDUCATION	Poor Transport Services restrict education opportunities, excepting ECC School Transport provision.
	ENVIRONMENT	Increased carbon emissions arising from the need for private vehicles.
	HEALTH	Lack of good public transport prevents access to Health Care services, leisure and entertainment facilities and affects general wellbeing for residents without private motor vehicles.
	HOUSING	Need to ensure housing has adequate off street car parking.
	TRANSPORT	See below
	RENEWABLES	Lack of public transport creates reliance on private motor vehicles with increased carbon pollution.
	ROADS/RoW	Without adequate Public Transport residents have to use private vehicles and are heavily dependant on the quality of highways in the district, which currently are in serious need of improvement.
	WORK	The available public transport is totally inadequate to provide access to any employment outside of the immediate environment of the Plan Area.
IMPACT ON POLICY	Employment opportunities, Home Working, Parking Standards	
OTHER COMMENTS	<p>The Plan Area is ten square miles with the population fairly evenly distributed over the whole area. Therefore, the distances residents need to travel to access the available transport services, towns for shops, employment, doctors or leisure etc. differs considerably.</p> <p>The National Rail network can be accessed from Harlow Town Station approximately 8 miles away.</p> <p>The Transport for London Central Line Station at Epping is also approximately 8miles away. This Station can be accessed by a very small number of residents living in Bobbingworth but is inaccessible to the majority of residents. Busses 19, 20, 21 run approximately every 20 minutes to Epping Station Monday to Saturday with a restricted service on Sunday.</p>	

There is only 1 regular bus service 47/147 travelling from Ongar/Toot Hill to Harlow

This service operates **1 bus a day** Monday to Saturday travelling through part of the NDP area at approximately 10.00 arriving in Harlow at approx. 11.00 Residents have a maximum of 2 hours to complete their shopping or business before the **only bus will take them back home** arriving at approx. 14.00. (see map below)

A Monday to Saturday bus from Hatfield Heath provides another **1 a day service** leaving the NDP area at approx. 9.40 arriving in Ongar approx. 9.50 giving visit duration of 2 hours before the returning bus leaves Ongar again.

On Mondays a Community Bus operated by Essex County Council, is run from Ongar through part of the NDP area to Epping for market day. This gives residents approx. 2 hours stay in Epping to complete their shopping etc. This service is under constant scrutiny by ECC and may be discontinued at any time due to cost.

Those residents without their own transport – mainly the elderly, are severely restricted by the lack of Public Transport. As there are no shops, post offices, banks or doctors or access to leisure facilities etc. within the Plan Area. Shopping is a major task for them and other issues like visiting hospitals for appointments or to see family or friends is impossible. Some car owners do help out and some resident share taxis but these are very expensive considering the distances they have to travel to shop etc.

No 47/147 Bus Route Ongar to Harlow



Route map for service 47 (inbound)

