

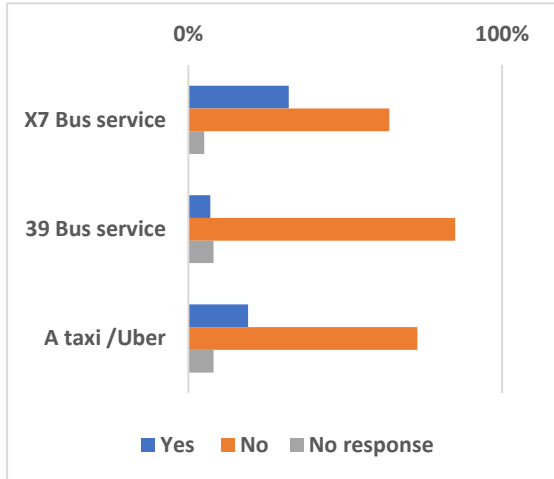
S7 Public Transport

**Three Transportation headings were considered in this section:
Our bus service, support for a Community Bus and the LINK scheme**

Public transport use:

“The X7 bus service is not frequent enough and does not always run to time.”

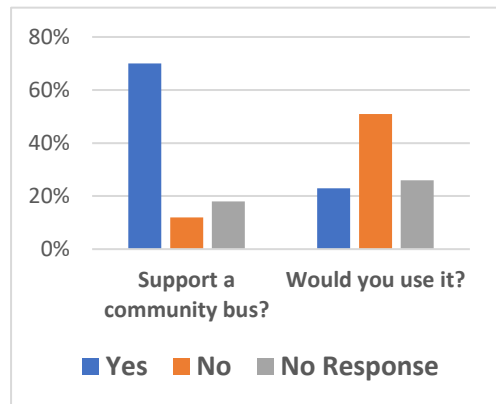
Did you use the bus service in the last year?



The responses and feedback showed that people liked the idea of a bus service, although did not necessarily use it. A significant number want to retain the existing service. Some of the reasons given for not using the service were lack of frequency, not on time, too expensive. no evening service. 10% of responders were happy with the service.

Community Mini Bus

There is a **high level of support** for a service but a concern that this could impact the main bus service. Although supportive of the idea, the percentage of those that thought they would use it was lower at 23% (114 users). Others wanted to see the LINK scheme extended to cover the need, possibly not realising that it is a voluntary organisation. There was the suggestion of setting up a community taxi system.



*“A taxi seems very hard to find.
Maybe a locally run minibus service
as in Amesbury - the Hopper Bus”*

The **number of offers of volunteers** to help run a service was encouraging:

Comments on the frequency of operation were equally split between daily and weekly with 45 requests for a late-night service.

| Number of offers of help | |
|--------------------------|----|
| Driving | 62 |
| Cleaning | 39 |
| Organising servicing | 14 |
| Rotas | 31 |
| Finance | 13 |
| Storing | 6 |

The main destination choices: Romsey (313), Salisbury (290) Southampton (177)

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LINK voluntary driver scheme

The majority of residents know about the LINK but do not fully understand how it is operated as a volunteer organisation. 26 of responders said that they used it but, encouragingly, 31 responders said that they would be a Link driver if asked.



The questionnaire did not ask about an enhanced LINK scheme, i.e., 'how should the LINK service be improved' or 'would you use an enhanced LINK scheme'. This could be the subject that requires further follow-up.

Transport summary

The feedback comments will prove to be very useful if a local transport interest group is formed as there are some very positive ideas and initiatives which could be used to enhance the services and reduce overall carbon emissions.

Whilst there is clear support for some form of community transport, the likely take up appears to be lower with 32% of responders having used the existing bus services in the last year. It should be recognised that the majority of bus users will live on or near to Lyndhurst Rd and New Rd, so there could be additional potential for bus users from Hamptworth, Landford Wood and Nomansland.

Our Aims

1. To have transport services that meet the needs of the community

| AIM | ACTION | BY WHOM? | TARGET TIMESCALE |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| What we can do as individuals | | | |
| 1 | Use the bus service | All | Ongoing |
| 1 | Sign up to help form and be part of a Community Transport Group | All | Ongoing |
| 1 | Volunteer to be a LINK driver | All | Ongoing |
| What we plan to do as a parish | | | |
| 1 | Publicise the real time App for the Salisbury Reds bus service so that users will know if the bus has been delayed or that they have missed it! | Parish Council & LPCP | 6 months |
| 1 | Investigate the interest in forming a Community Transport Group with a view to operating a community bus | Parish Council & LPCP | 12 months |
| 1 | Clarify the volunteer nature of the LINK system | LINK /LPCP/PC | Ongoing |
| What we are asking others to do | | | |
| 1 | Bus company to review and respond to the consolidated comments from the questionnaire | Bus company | 6 months |